



New system still likely to hit Tory-run authorities

Jenkin scraps local councils' cash targets

By John Carvel
Political Correspondent

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, will announce this week that the entire system of spending targets for English local authorities, and penalties for exceeding them, is to be scrapped at the end of the present financial year.

A Cabinet committee under Lord Whitelaw has decided that the political cost of keeping targets now clearly exceeds the financial benefits to the Treasury in terms of spending restraints.

The target system which penalises even low-spending Tory shires if they increase their budgets faster than inflation has been bitterly attacked for the past two years by a group of Tory backbenchers, led by Mr Francis Pym.

Ministers realise that if they kept the targets for another year they might allow Mr Pym's Centre Forward group to show the strength in the division lobbies.

The decision, to be announced in the Commons just before MPs begin their summer recess, was taken before the Conservative post-mortem examination of its Brecon and Radnor by-election defeat. But it does not mean that the Tories have abandoned their efforts to restrain council spending.

Mr Jenkin will announce a new system of control based on the so-called grant-related expenditure assessments, estimates made by civil servants of how much each authority needs to spend to provide a standard level of service.

Councils spending above their GREA will lose grant at a progressively severe rate.

This is the system which the former Environment Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, originally envisaged when he introduced the Local Government Planning and Land Act in 1980.

Early in 1981 he decided that it would not work because councils spending below their GREA would be encouraged to make their budgets up to it faster than the high spenders could be induced to make cuts.

Mr Heseltine therefore superimposed on the GREA framework a system of targets which affected all councils, whether they spent high or low.

Mr Jenkin's officials are now working out grant rules designed to choke off any sudden surge of "over spending" not only from shire counties which ceased to be Tory controlled in May.

The new system is bound to put a severe financial squeeze on the Labour city authorities which at present spend well over the GREA norm. They will have to make cuts to avoid big rate increases.

But the worst effects are likely to be felt by high spending authorities which have tried hard to escape penalties by staying within government targets.

These include many Tory London boroughs which have their four-yearly elections next May. Mr Jenkin seems certain to add up cutting many of his political friends.

The overall effect on 1986/87 rates is still uncertain but ministers have acted to ensure the Government is not blamed.

for further big rate increases because of another big cut in grants.

The Whitelaw committee has decided to freeze the total of Exchequer grants to English councils in 1986/87 at this year's original level of £11,764 million. But this year's total was subsequently reduced by £560 million to take account of penalties for councils over-spending targets.

Since these penalties are to be abolished next year, £560 million more will be available for distribution.

While the Cabinet has not yet agreed the planned level for total local authority expenditure, ministers are preparing to relax the figure shown in the last public spending white paper by some hundreds of millions of pounds.

The overall result is likely to be little altered since if high spenders fail to make cuts their grant losses will be redistributed to the low spenders.

Mr Jenkin will also announce a new hit list of ratecapped councils. The Greater London Council, South Yorkshire and Merseyside will disappear because they will have been abolished by then. Tory-controlled Portsmouth will also be removed for reasons of good behaviour.

Up to half a dozen other councils, which are understood to be in the North-East, North-West and London will join the list.

The severity of the rate-capping regime is likely to be decided over the next few days. The relatively dovish element in the cabinet are arguing for a cash freeze on the 1985-86 budget; the hawks want an additional cut.

Budgets of 20 joint boards to be set up to run police.



Gerd Heidemann, the ex-Stern reporter, surrounded by photographers before hearing his sentence yesterday

Hitler diaries swindlers sentenced but go free

From Anne Tomford
in Hamburg

THE affair of the fake Hitler diaries was laid to rest yesterday with the sentencing for serious fraud of the two chief accused and a severe condemnation by a Hamburg court of journalistic negligence displayed by Stern magazine, which bought the 64 volumes for publication.

The court, after a judgment lasting four hours, ordered that Gerd Heidemann, a former Stern reporter, and Konrad Kujau, the forger of the diaries, be released pending confirmation of the verdict by the Federal appeal court.

Heidemann, aged 33, was sentenced to four years and eight months' imprisonment for fraud, while Kujau, aged 46, received a four-and-a-half year prison term for fraud and forgery. The prosecution had demanded seven and six-year terms.

Kujau, who boasted that it took him about four hours to produce each volume, said he would now write a book about Hitler and women, and one about the diaries scandal.

The diaries are mine, I want them back, I have the copyright on them, he told reporters during a break in proceedings while giving specimens of his handwriting.

According to the court, Kujau and Heidemann could be rich men upon their return to freedom. It found that more than £1 million of the £2.5 million Stern paid Heidemann for the diaries remained unaccounted for, and that the Stern reporter kept most of the sum for himself to solve his "desperate financial situation".

The atmosphere of the trial was reminiscent of the show of publicity which accompanied Stern's announcement of the "diaries scoop".

In April, 1983. Both defendants enjoyed their exposure to the television cameras and press photographers for a full half hour before the court sat.

While Heidemann listened attentively to the judgment Kujau joked with his defence counsel, scribbled drawings and exchanged notes with his girl friend.

Judge Schroeder said that Kujau was a liar who had attempted throughout to deceive Stern. Heidemann, obsessed with the Nazi era, was glib to the point that he believed the most absurd stories.

Heidemann had been convinced of the diaries' authenticity until April, 1983, immediately before publication, the judge concluded. The Stern management and its publishers had then failed to meet his request for verification.

Judge Schroeder said that experts called by Stern to examine the documents, among them Lord Dacre, the historian Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper, were called in far too late, and they were not chosen for their expertise but rather for their loyalty.

Two days before publication the West German Federal Criminal Office found that one of the items submitted for verification—a letter from Mussolini—was a forgery, the judge said. "But the countdown for publication was on and it was not stopped," he added.



Konrad Kujau and girlfriend Edith Liebling



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Cabinet bows to Treasury line

By James Naughtie
Political Correspondent

The Cabinet appeared last night to be ready to pay formal obeisance on Thursday to the Treasury's spending target for next year in return for a delicate fudging of the figures in the autumn.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, will be spared the humiliation of a public defeat when the Cabinet meets to discuss the spending target, but he will be left in no doubt that his colleagues expect him to employ serious negotiations begin in September.

Mr Lawson's insistence in the past few days that the Government is not contemplating any fundamental change in economic strategy has not been taken by other ministers as an indication that he will not contemplate a careful relaxation of spending targets in selected areas.

The spending review this year is expected to be the toughest since Mrs Thatcher came to power. There is a majority in the Cabinet which believes that it would be economically sensible—and politically astute—to allow some extra spending on specific programmes while preserving the rhetorical integrity of "Thatcherism".

Tory MPs returning to Westminster last night after the Brecon and Radnor by-election result said that the Government must counter the criticism of its allegedly inexcusable outlook on spending. This is interpreted by most ministers as a plea for relaxed spending targets and an increase in tax thresholds.

Downing Street's effort this week is directed at a show of unity for Thursday's Cabinet meeting and it was accepted even by Mr Lawson's Cabinet critics last night that the Treasury plan will be endorsed.

The assumption is that Mr Lawson's confrontations since three radio interviews since the Oxford speech on Saturday have shown that the Treasury is likely to be on the defensive in the autumn and that there is a good chance of spending concessions.

The message from Conservative Central Office and Downing Street is that ministers should boast about the real increase in spending on social services and pour scorn on the suggestion that they have sought cuts in essential programmes.

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TUC leaders seek to heal NUM split

By Patrick Wintour and Peter Hetherington

Senior TUC leaders last night called for an attempt to be made to heal the split between the National Union of Mineworkers and the break-away Nottinghamshire miners' union.

Mr Bill Keys, the chairman of the TUC Employment Committee, and Mr David Bassett, the chairman of the TUC's Finance and General Purposes Committee, said yesterday that the TUC should have a role in healing the divide.

The issue is expected to be raised at a special meeting of Mr Bassett's committee next week. Both men stressed that the TUC could not act unless the NUM consented.

Mr Keys said: "No gap is unbridgeable and we owe it to the movement to see if it can be bridged."

Mr Bassett declared: "The TUC has a function in assisting the healing of the split and therefore has a role, if the affiliate concerned wishes it."

Chances of any reconciliation seemed slight last night after the Nottinghamshire miners' executive yesterday formally established itself as a new union with the declared aim of recruiting men from other coalfields in an emerging national organisation to rival the Sheffield-based NUM.

The executive adopted the title of Nottinghamshire Union of Mineworkers and decided to exclude from the area headquarters at Berry Hill, Mans-

field, Mr Ray Chadburn, the president of the Nottinghamshire area for the past year.

Mr Chadburn will attempt to gain access today, but will be ordered to leave after retrieving personal possessions from his office.

Mr Chadburn, who refused to offer his resignation to yesterday's meeting told reporters: "I am not prepared to be the president of a break-away union even if I finish up eating grass on the way."

He said he had been arguing for the area union to sit back and await the actions of the national union rather than take precipitate action after the decision of a national delegate conference last week to introduce a new set of NUM rules.

Mr Ray Lynk, the general secretary of the Nottinghamshire area, said that his union intends to continue its affiliation to the Labour Party and to maintain its sponsorship of two local Labour MPs, Mr Don Connors (Mansfield) and Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield).

He went on: "If Labour suddenly won't recognise us, it's put them firmly in the case against Mr Scargill and I think Mr Kinnock has a lot of thinking to do."

"There is now no National Union of Mineworkers in Nottinghamshire. We are a registered independent union on our own right. Mr Scargill went to the rostrum at the TUC almost three years ago and said his union is made up of 21 separate trade unions [the various NUM areas and trade groups] so in his words we are there."

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Howe carrot for Argentina

By Patrick Kealey
Diplomatic Correspondent

The British Government in a gesture of goodwill, has told Argentina that its exporters can again sell their goods on the British market.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, worked out the strategy with his senior officials before leaving London on a visit to Brazil, and he broke the news of the British initiative to his Brazilian hosts when he arrived yesterday.

This was a politically important move, as Brazil represents Argentina's interests in Britain and is in close touch with the Alfonsín government.

Britain's holding out a carrot to Argentina which is potentially worth around £140 million a year—the amount earned by Argentina's exports to Britain in the last normal year's trading, 1981. A trade embargo was imposed by both

countries the following year during the Falklands war.

The statement from Westminster makes no demand for reciprocal action by Argentina, although Sir Geoffrey says: "Argentina now has the opportunity to respond to our initiative, and thereby to open the way to further steps towards more normal relations between Britain and Argentina."

Foreign Office officials were saying last night that Britain is sending a signal not only to the Alfonsín administration, but also to members of the European Community, that Britain wishes to see democracy flourish in Argentina, and relations between the two countries restored.

But there is no yielding in Whitehall on the vexed issue of sovereignty, on which the formal statement says: "The main objectives of our policy are to fulfil our commitments to restore more normal relations between Britain and Argentina. The question of sovereignty is a separate issue."

eighty over the islands is not for discussion. In our view, better relations can only realistically be achieved by seeking agreement on practical issues."

The continuing failure of Argentina to respond to diplomatic overtures from Britain has led to exasperation in Whitehall, and to irritation and misunderstanding among Britain's partners in Europe.

The main British objective in its latest overture is to regain the sales of machinery, machine tools, and other industrial products to Argentina, which were worth more than £150 million a year when war led to the double cut-off in trade.

Paradoxically, Argentina chose to bend the rules of the 1982 embargo. Its importers have been allowed to bring in "items of national interest"—one of which is Scotch whisky.

British sales to Argentina have been running at around £5 million a year, but Argentine sales in Britain have dropped to £100,000.

Reagan hints at US retaliation against hosts to terrorism

From Michael White
in Washington

In his most outspoken outburst since the Beirut hostage crisis President Reagan last night denounced by name five "terrorist states" whose acts of war against the United States justified US military action to defend itself.

He named as members of "the new version of Murder Incorporated" Iran and Libya, followed by North Korea, Cuba and Nicaragua, which he accused of being the world's principal refuge for international terrorists, including the IRA. While the flamboyance of the President's language almost matched that of his "evil empire" phase, he was careful to strike only obliquely at the Soviet Union and to exclude from his speech his usual denunciation of Syria.

Accusing "this confederation of criminal governments" of being motivated by "a fanatical hatred of the United States, our people, our way of life, our international stature," Mr Reagan said: "The American people are not going to tolerate intimidation, terror and outright acts of war against this nation and its people. And we are especially not going to tolerate these attacks from outlaw states run by the strangest collection of misfits, Looney Tunes and squalid criminals since the advent of the Third Reich." His audience laughed and applauded.

Its serious intention was to repeat earlier appeals for the international community to act together against terrorism as it once did against piracy, but to leave open the right to take unilateral action. Under international law any state which is the victim of acts of war has the right to defend itself," said Mr Reagan.

The speech was being presented last night as a calculated attempt in the wake of the Beirut hijack and other recent terrorist attacks to rally US public opinion behind whatever acts of retaliation—military, if necessary—the Administration deemed warranted to defend itself against what Mr Reagan called a concerted attempt by totalitarian states to disorientate the United States and drive it back into "fortress America."

But what was once again striking was that Mr Reagan's speech to the American Bar Association conference in Washington was long on rhetoric and short on specifics, even as he called for a strategic rather than tactical view of the problem. Washington is still thrashing around in search of a viable response policy, and some observers were expecting Mr Reagan to use yesterday's speech to expand one option by offering \$1 million for the apprehension of the men who killed a US Marine diver during the Beirut hijack.

He gave detailed allegations of terrorist atrocities as proof.

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Britons feared dead

From Campbell Page
in Paris

Eight people were killed and 55 injured when the Le Havre-Paris express collided with a lorry yesterday on an automatic level crossing at St Pierre-du-Vauvray in the department of Eure. Four of the injured were American and the British embassy was trying to establish whether any British citizens had been involved.

The accident happened south of Rouen at 9.15 am, an hour after the train had left Le Havre. It was travelling at close to 100 mph at the moment of impact. Officials defended the safety record of the automatic crossing barriers and witnesses said that the lorry driver, who died instantly, may have failed to see a warning sign and have driven through the descending barriers before he grasped the danger.

But another driver claimed that the warning lights had been out of order earlier. As the driver realised his mistake he tried to get off the tracks but was unable to move his vehicle before the train arrived. Three carriages were derailed, one striking a house, but the occupant was uninjured.

First reports by police spoke of up to 15 dead. But the French Secretary of State for Transport, Mr Jean Auroux, announced revised figures after visiting the scene.

Mr Auroux said that an official inquiry was going on to determine how the truck came to be stranded across the rails.

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Multiple sclerosis is a disease without mercy. Often tearing apart the lives of people who were living them to the full.

Whilst a few show no outward sign of handicap, the less fortunate may suffer all the misery of impaired vision, incontinence, paralysis.

As yet, no one knows why multiple sclerosis attacks the central nervous system.

Until the cause is identified, a cure remains out of reach.

However, research funded by The Multiple Sclerosis Society is fast bringing that day closer.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Union to keep fund

THE General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union yesterday became the sixth union to vote to retain its political fund. Page 2.

Aids warning

A WARNING that by next spring the spread of Aids could have surpassed the polio epidemic of the 1940s was expressed yesterday as an inquest into the death of a victim. Page 3.

Pay plan fails

TEACHERS' union leaders and employers yesterday failed to agree on a plan to confront the Education Secretary together in their search for more money for teachers. Page 3.

Inflation hope

WITH a fall in manufacturers' fuel and raw material costs reflecting sterling's recent rebound, moderate factory gate price rises suggest that the recent rise in the inflation rate will be reversed later this year. Page 24.

Call to marchers

LEADERS of the Orange Order in Portadown have urged their members not to defy the law in marching through the town's "Tunnel" area again on Friday. Page 2.

Mobs move in

MOBS of women celebrating the election success of the Zimbabwean prime minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, have attacked supporters of the defeated opposition parties in Harare townships. Page 7.

Election row

THE opposition National Action Party in Mexico has accused the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party of election rigging in the border state of Sonora. Page 6.

CIA aid claim

THE Washington Post claimed yesterday that the CIA has been supporting insurgents fighting the Vietnamese-based Kampuchean regime with several million dollars a year since 1982. Page 7.



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The weather

CLOUDY with outbreaks of rain. Details, back page.

Militants insist on further parades in Catholic area

Orange leaders try to stop outlawed march

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

The leadership of the Orange Order was last night putting pressure on its Portadown membership not to defy the law by marching again through the Roman Catholic "tunnel" area on Friday. Orange leaders believe that they have made their point by forcing the RUC and the Government to back down and allow them to stage their annual parade on the traditional route through the tunnel last Sunday.

But the compromise of allowing the weekend march to go ahead at the cost of re-routing one on Friday and another planned for the following day is not accepted by local militants.

Yesterday Mr Walter Williams, Imperial Grand Secretary

of the Orange Order, said that irreparable damage could be done to the movement if members clashed with riot police on July 12. Those in the security forces he said, were the "kith and kin of Orangemen and it would be deplorable to see the two sides engaged in conflict."

The Grand Master of the Orange Order of Ireland, the Rev Martin Smyth, also tried to calm tempers yesterday when he said he believed that Orangemen should be able to walk traditional routes but they should also abide by the law.

It remains to be seen whether these appeals for restraint will be heeded in Portadown where Orangemen believe they won victory by marching through the Roman Catholic area.

Mr Alan Wright, Orange co-ordinator in the Co Armagh town who succeeded in getting 30,000 Loyalists on to the streets in a protest rally last Wednesday is adamant that the "local brethren" will not accept any diversion on July 12 and 13.

Mr Wright said he could get tens of thousands of people out to confront the police to preserve what he claims are Protestant civil rights.

Nationalist politicians are saying that if the Government will not confront Loyalists on the issue of the diversion of a single march, surely it will not confront them on important matters such as the Northern Ireland judicial system and problems relating to the security forces.

Representatives of 56 local education authorities in the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said that government saw education solely as a cost rather than as an investment for the future. They took to the Government's plan on the financial prospects of government spending over the next 10 years. Its green paper had said that, whereas spending in education and science had increased by 1 per cent in real terms since 1979, the school population had decreased by 12 per cent.

The AMA said that this view took no account of the difficulties of keeping a broad curriculum in a school with a falling roll and the cost of redundancy payments when staff were reduced. They told the select committee that whereas the forecast of inflation was 13.57 per cent in the period

Arrested man wins damages

An unemployed car worker yesterday won over £4,000 damages against Merseyside Police after claiming six years of harassment.

Lester Cooper, aged 43, of Waterville, Liverpool, sued police for unlawful arrest and trespass, saying that his house had been searched and his car stopped on numerous occasions because he made an official complaint against the police in 1979.

After two weeks considering five incidents of searches or arrests, a Liverpool High Court jury yesterday found in his favour in three of them.

The jury found in favour of the police in the two other incidents.

Mr Cooper, who was awarded a total of £4,041.64, said later: "I've been to hell and back. As far as I am concerned, I am a marked man in this city."

"I am not so concerned about the money. I am just glad the judge and jury believed me."

"The police have been very bad indeed. I don't think it because I'm a complaint against them. They have been trying to get me ever since."

Mr Justice Russell, who directed the jury over four incidents, ordered Merseyside Police to meet two-thirds of the costs.

He told the jury there was no evidence of conspiracy or of Mr Cooper being singled out because he was black, but there had been civil wrongs against him.

During the hearing, Mr David Turner-Samuels, for Mr Cooper, said the police attitude had been "uncaring, high handed and callous."

New target for cutting pollution

By John Ardill and Donald Fields in Helsinki

International environmental pressure groups have raised their target for government action to reduce sulphur dioxide emissions—one of the causes of acid rain damage to trees and lakes.

Meeting in Helsinki, where 18 nations are due to sign today the protocol for a 30 per cent reduction by 1993, they have called for a 75 per cent reduction by 1995; and for a short-term 30 per cent reduction of another acid pollutant, nitrogen oxide.

Britain, Poland and the US were condemned by the environmental coalition for refusing to join the 30 per cent club at the meeting of the UN Economic Commission for Europe's convention on transboundary air pollution. But the outgoing Russian chairman of the convention, Mr Valentin Sobolevsky said there was "a certain amount of progress" in the British position and that the protocol would be kept open for non-signatories to join.

An hour-long meeting which opened with a briefing from the Chief of the Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, was followed by another hour's discussion over lunch.

The Prime Minister's main objective, as obliquely indi-

cated by her own staff, seems to have been to reassure the chiefs of staff that if they have any grievances she is always ready to listen, and to check personally on how this key, high-spending department is faring under the management of Mr Michael Heseltine, who was also present.

When chiefs of staff met her last year to explain their concern about the ministry's reorganisation it was agreed that they should meet again this summer to monitor progress. After yesterday's meeting it

TV-am denies offer in Beirut kidnap

By Penny Cherriton

TV-am yesterday denied a news agency report from Beirut which said that one of its editors had offered the kidnappers of the British journalist, Mr Alec Collet, hours of airtime in return for his release.

According to the Reuters news agency, Mr Derek Maitland, news editor of TV-am, announced on his first morning in Beirut: "We are putting out promises that if the kidnappers release Collet we are ready to give them 24 hours' publicity on our show to say whatever they want—within reason."

TV-am's press office said that Mr Maitland had been misquoted. He had said that if Mr Collet were freed there would undoubtedly be considerable interest in the story by the British media.

The company's spokesman added that Mr Maitland had then pointed out that TV-am's daily show lasted 24 hours, and that there would be ample time for the kidnappers to air their case.

"There's no question of us giving air time to the terrorists in return for Collet's freedom," said the spokesman. "That is a ludicrous possibility."

He added that Mr Maitland, an experienced Middle East correspondent, had flown out to Beirut for a week with a TV crew and Mr Collet's 25-year-old daughter, Suzie Grant.

Ms Grant had appeared on the programme during the hijacking of the TWA flight to talk about her father, "the forgotten hostage", who has now been missing three months since his abduction by persons unknown.

TV-am is financing Ms Grant's visit to the Lebanon so that she can lobby Muslim leaders and other contacts to seek her father's release.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that Mr Collet's abduction was a major concern. A group called the Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims had claimed responsibility and accused Mr Collet of spying. Mr Collet was in the Lebanon to publicise the work of the UN Relief and Works Agency.

The revolutionary organisation claimed responsibility for the killings of a British Council employee, Mr Kenneth Whitby, in Athens, and Mr Percy Norris, the Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, and for planting one of the bombs at airline offices in Madrid last week.

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Legal threat to Fowler

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

The High Court is to be asked to rule whether the Government's new board and lodging rules, which curb benefit payments to more than 170,000 claimants, are illegal.

Mr Justice Taylor has given leave for an expedited hearing to be brought against Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, by a 22-year-old unemployed Birkenhead man, Mr Simon Cotton, next week.

The regulations brought in on April 29 meant that most claimants under the age of 26 have to move every two to eight weeks to continue receiving board and lodging payments from social security offices. Those over 26 are facing cuts in benefit of up to 50 per cent, depending on the area where they claim.

Mr Cotton is contending that the regulations are illegal because of an inadequate consultation given to the Government's watchdog body, the Social Security Advisory Committee. He also claims that Mr Fowler's decision to delegate power to impose the ruling through local social security offices may also be against social security legislation.

Mr Cotton has already had to move 20 times from a series of children's and foster homes. He had two heart operations as a child and was treated for burns after being injured by a foster parent. His benefit was

cut by 50 per cent on June 10 under the new regulations but his landlady is allowing him to remain at half the rate until his court case is heard.

Opticians are to take Mr Fowler to the High Court in an attempt to ban him from recovering £14.2 million in alleged over-payments for NHS glasses.

The Federation of Optical Corporate Bodies has been given leave to apply for a judicial review after receiving advice from Sir Ian Percival, the former Conservative Solicitor General, that Mr Fowler is acting illegally.

The row over "over-payments" stems from a Commons Public Accounts Committee report which said, that opticians had made "untended profits" of more than £1.14 million between 1977 and April this year because of

"false assumptions about opticians' costs as a result of inadequate information."

On June 20 opticians were told that the Government planned to cut sight test fees and dispensing charges to all opticians from September 1 until the money had been repaid.

Mr Tony Westhead, general secretary of the opticians' federation, said: "It is a matter of grave concern that the DESS has now openly declared its intention to claw back some £14.2 million, so-called 'untended profits'."

According to Sir Ian's advice, Mr Fowler has no legal power to recover alleged over-payments by a surcharge or by any other means.

The Department of Health acknowledges that its proposals could be challenged in the courts but intends to proceed with the changes.

The first day back after Brecon and Radnor, and who should turn up at the government despatch box yesterday but the chairman of the Conservative Party, John Gummer.

The Opposition could hardly believe their luck. Spurning the opportunity offered them by the order paper, to question him about his work as Secretary General, they pined him with wounding inquiries about the Government's disaster last week in mid Wales. Some had spent the weekend closely observing the party's post-Brecon convulsions. Which was the real policy, asked the former Labour Prime Minister, James Callaghan: to make cuts and represent them as increases? Or to make increases and represent them as cuts?

The Speaker couldn't quite see what all this had to do with Mr Gummer's performance as Paymaster, but John is too big a man to take advantage of a bolt hole. He and we were on Friday, after all, what the true message of Brecon's vote was: they wanted to hear the Government talking more about its achievements. And now he proceeded to do just that.

The Department of the PM's as monitored public spending, had been able to observe, he disclosed, how this Government was spending more and more on things which mattered less and less, and where money went to waste.

Leicester Tory Peter Braine, who apparently hadn't got the new message yet, suggested that a Conservative Government could take pride in getting public money not to waste any other body, such as the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Treasury," it says.

"More needs to be done so it is seen by everyone that the Bar's prime concern is its independence, without the word independence becoming the acous and meaningless."

The group wants the Bar Council to be more assertive in its negotiations with the Government over criminal legal aid work.

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Masked men kill gardener in raid

Three masked men shot dead a gardener at a 14th century manor in Kent after a noisy search for a television set.

The gunman are believed to have spent more than two hours in the house, looking for valuables. It is thought that all they got was about £2 in cash and a piece of worthless jewellery.

The widow, Mrs Ellen Ditcher, of the Wards, Otham, near Maidstone, is critically ill in hospital.

The police said Mrs Ditcher was sleeping downstairs when a noise awoke her at about 2 am on Sunday. She opened the back door and was shot by a rifle and crossbow. A number of 6in. bolts shot from a crossbow were found in the house by detectives.

After she had been shot Mrs Ditcher called her gardener, Mr William Austen, aged 54, and told him not to go near the men. He took no notice and was shot dead.

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Would-be Bangladesh immigrants' endless wait

By Sarah Besley

The queue of would-be immigrants to Britain from Bangladesh has grown substantially in the past two years, a House of Commons sub-committee heard yesterday.

Home Office officials told the Commons sub-committee on race relations and immigration that applications had risen from 6,240 in 1982 to 8,830 in 1984. In 1982

those in the non-priority queue had to wait 16 months for an interview. This year the delay is 23 months.

Mr Nicholas Barrington, assistant under-secretary in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said the queue had been swollen by an upsurge in applications from wives and children. Processing them was taking a long time because of faulty and often fraudulent

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History men 'manipulated Labour candidates list'

By Martin Linton

The Labour Party is expected to hold a quick inquiry into the selection of a new parliamentary candidate in the highly marginal seat of Hyndburn, formerly Accrington, after allegations that last Labour MP was kept off the short list by a caucus.

The party's organisation committee yesterday endorsed the action of its national agent in freezing the selection process until five members of the appeal and mediation committee can look into the allegations.

They include complaints from a number of branches and local trade unions who claim that party members meeting in a pub on Sunday nights as the North-West Labour History Society have been acting as a caucus with their own whip and their own short list.

They claim that this led to the exclusion from the short list of Mr Arthur Davidson, who was MP for the constituency from 1978 until he was narrowly defeated in 1983, and the inclusion of four left-wingers, Mr Kuva Coombes, leader of Merseyside county council, Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, Ms Valerie Wise, a member of the Greater London Council, and a former Labour candidate for Rossendale, Mr Chris Robinson.

Members of the society insist that they are just a discussion group. They describe themselves as a good old-fashioned nineteenth-century Tribunes, and insist that they have no link with the Militant Tendency or any other Trotskyist groups.

Mr Davidson, a former legal affairs spokesman for the Labour Party, was a member of the Tribune group when he was the town's MP. But even if he is reappointed on the short

list he is not expected to win the support of the mainly left-wing constituency party.

Wolverhampton North MP, Mrs Renee Short, withdrew from the reselection last week because the new candidate will be picked from a caucus.

The front runner is the chairman of Wolverhampton's finance committee, Mr Ken Furches, who has 16 nominations.

Police frogmen yesterday recovered the bodies of two men who drowned during a reunion of former Oxford university students on the river Cherwell, Oxford. One victim, Mr William Kirk, from Stourbridge, fell in while swimming with his family. The other, Mr Philip Brown, from East Kilbride, had tried to rescue him.

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David McKie

Came the hour, came the Gummer

The first day back after Brecon and Radnor, and who should turn up at the government despatch box yesterday but the chairman of the Conservative Party, John Gummer.

The Opposition could hardly believe their luck. Spurning the opportunity offered them by the order paper, to question him about his work as Secretary General, they pined him with wounding inquiries about the Government's disaster last week in mid Wales. Some had spent the weekend closely observing the party's post-Brecon convulsions. Which was the real policy, asked the former Labour Prime Minister, James Callaghan: to make cuts and represent them as increases? Or to make increases and represent them as cuts?

The Speaker couldn't quite see what all this had to do with Mr Gummer's performance as Paymaster, but John is too big a man to take advantage of a bolt hole. He and we were on Friday, after all, what the true message of Brecon's vote was: they wanted to hear the Government talking more about its achievements. And now he proceeded to do just that.

The Department of the PM's as monitored public spending, had been able to observe, he disclosed, how this Government was spending more and more on things which mattered less and less, and where money went to waste.

Leicester Tory Peter Braine, who apparently hadn't got the new message yet, suggested that a Conservative Government could take pride in getting public money not to waste any other body, such as the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Treasury," it says.

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Hospital limits surgery to urgent cases

By Paul Hoyland,
Welsh Correspondent

General surgery at Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil, which has the longest waiting list in Wales, has been restricted to emergency and urgent operations because of problems in recruiting a locum consultant.

The hospital's chequered history and its position in deprived South Wales are thought to have hampered recruitment.

Admission and discharge procedures have been tightened since 1983, when 13 patients died within a short period of being sent home.

Merthyr community health council said yesterday the suspension of non-urgent operations would have a devastating effect.

Almost 1,600 people are on the Prince Charles waiting list; 850 have been waiting more than a year.

The mid-Glamorgan health authority's chief administrator, Mr George Boulton, said that efforts to recruit a locum consultant general surgeon were continuing but the situation might not be resolved for a month.

"We have reached the point now where we have exhausted all our contacts," he said.

Mr Boulton added that the authority had been anxious that the recent publicity would create problems. "It is quite possible we are seeing the effect of that."

One senior consultant general surgeon at Prince Charles has been suspended over alleged dishonest practices and a locum is required for holiday relief.

Mr Derek Gregory, regional organiser of the National Union of Public Employees, said: "The Government is very quick to rap the unions over industrial action that prevents full medical care. Here we have a hospital on emergency operations only. What is the Secretary of State for Wales going to do about it?"

Mr Gregory added that it was a scandal that a hospital opened in 1977 with the most modern equipments should have to suspend operations in an area where there was the greatest need.

"It is a disgrace that you can spend millions of pounds on a new hospital and the health authority then cannot recruit all the senior staff it needs."

Search for oaks to support Minster's weight

Malcolm Pithers on the progress of fire repairs at York and the quest for trees needed by craftsmen for rebuilding.

TIMBER specialists are about to scour a few selected estates and possibly the odd back garden for English oak trees to help the rebuilding of York Minster.

The people rebuilding the Minster, which caught fire a year ago today, have discovered that they need at least 20 oaks aged between 200 and 300 years and free from all sorts of imperfections. The trees have to be at least 60 feet high so that 52 lengths each measuring 40 feet can be cut from them. They also have to be English, more out of pride than necessity.

The Minster has already been given many oaks from all over the country which are being used to rebuild the vaulted ceiling with 200 oak ribs, the largest weighing at least a quarter of a ton, and 68 carved bosses. But the craftsmen need to find the old giant oaks to support the top of the roof.

Mr Bob Littlewood, the superintendent of works at the Minster, said yesterday that 145 people had given trees. Some had come from royal estates. Other donors had a single oak in their gardens.

The size of the tree is extremely important and we are having to look in all sorts of places to find exactly what we want," said Mr Littlewood. "We have been offered some Japanese oak

but it is not quite right. It also happens to be rather softer than the English oaks."

There is now no visible evidence, at least on the ground, of the fire or the restoration work going on above.

Just under 100 feet above the sightseers, hidden by scaffolding and an enormous plastic tent, the carpenters, stone-masons and engineers are restoring the south transept.

The rose window has been rebuilt but for the glass, and stone-masons are removing huge arches damaged by the fire.

One workman pointed out yesterday that nobody had ever attempted to rebuild such a roof involving colossal weights and structures.

After the fire, precautions at cathedrals all over the world have been re-examined in case they are vulnerable to a similar disaster. The fire has also led to re-examination of the British safety standards for lightning conductors.

A bolt of lightning is thought to have destroyed the conductor and the roof sensors when it struck the Minster. A new conducting system costing around £50,000 is to be installed at the Minster, which is being examined to see whether any new fire prevention measures can be introduced.



Under cover — the temporary roofing over the south transept during rebuilding.

Picture by Denis Thorpe

Parliament urged to learn from councils

By Geoff Andrews, Local Government Correspondent

Parliament should follow the example of local councils in providing financial information rather than criticise their conduct, a group of senior legal officers has told the committee set up to investigate the ethics of local government.

In evidence to the Widdicombe inquiry into the conduct of local authority business, the Society of County Secretaries says that many councils now publish leaflets and reports which go far beyond statutory requirements.

"Parliament, and the electorate," it adds pointedly, "might find a similar quantity and quality of information about the management of national finance helpful."

The society represents the chief and deputy chief officers responsible for the legal functions of the metropolitan and shire county councils with the form of the questions they

have been invited to answer. The officers point out that the vast majority of local authority decisions are taken in public, based on papers open to inspection.

They question the terms of reference of the inquiry set up in February by the Environment Secretary, Mr Patrick Jenkin, which state that there are at present "narrow limits within which the public may challenge local authority actions and decisions." They point out that the local government ombudsman is at slow to stretch his jurisdiction to the limit and that the courts also allow a wide breadth of challenge to local authority decisions.

If Parliament wanted to make it easier and cheaper for people of modest means to challenge councils, the society says, it would be more sensible to undertake a radical review of the legal aid scheme rather than single out local authorities for special treatment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

16 cleared of terror charges

A FURTHER 16 men originally implicated by the Ulster Volunteer Force informer William "Budge" Allen were freed by Belfast Crown Court yesterday. The men, all from Belfast, who between them faced charges of armed robbery, possessing guns and explosives and UVF membership, were found not guilty on direction by Mr Justice Higgins after the Crown had offered no evidence.

However, six other men and a woman, also arrested on Allen's word, were returned to court on various charges, including using guns, armed robbery and handling stolen goods.

Final meeting for suspended head

THE SUSPENDED Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, is to have a meeting tomorrow with Mr Norman Roper, the city's assistant director of education, who will decide whether to sack or reinstate him.

Mr Honeyford was suspended from Drummond Middle School, Bradford, where more than 90 per cent of the pupils are of Asian origin, for criticising multicultural education. If Mr Roper, who says he hopes to make his decision this week, decides on dismissal, Mr Honeyford has a right of appeal to a sub-committee of councillors.

Methane blamed for boys' death

TWO boys who died in a sewer, Ian Boothman and David Mooney, were probably overcome by methane gas, council officials concluded yesterday after inspecting the 55ft deep manhole where the bodies were found on Sunday evening.

The boys, both aged 13, had used a crowbar to prise open the metal manhole cover in a field near their home at Upperby, Carlisle. A Carlisle City Council spokesman dismissed suggestions that toxic waste had seeped into the sewer from a nearby tip.

Visitor's dusty discovery of £1m Poussin painting

By a Correspondent

A PAINTING by the French artist Nicolas Poussin, worth perhaps £500,000, has been discovered gathering dust in a museum's basement.

The painting was found by an art historian, Mr Christopher Wright, when he visited Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery in Leicester while investigating the history of the 17th century artist's work.

He was shown a small picture described in a 1958 catalogue as a copy of a Poussin painting now on show in a Florida museum.

Mr Wright realised that it was an original oil — the Holy Family with St John the Baptist, painted in about 1660.

The picture is being restored and will take pride of place at the museum's centenary exhibition in October.

Mr Wright, of Baywater, London, said it was difficult to place a value on it, but

Woman sent to mental hospital seeks leave to sue doctors

By Susan Tirbutt

A woman who spent a year in a mental hospital is seeking leave in the Appeal Court to sue three doctors involved and their employers, for negligence.

Miss Mary Winch, aged 65, alleges want of care by doctors at Risley Remand Centre and North Wales Hospital, Denbigh, and their employers, the Home Office and Cwyd Health Authority.

She is applying for leave to take legal action because of a claimant measure proposed in the Health Act protecting doctors from harassment by litigation.

She was committed to hospital for mental treatment for a year after she refused to hand over legal documents during a five-year property dispute.

Mr John Macdonald, QC, for Miss Winch, said Mr Alun Jones, a psychiatrist at North Wales Hospital, did not rescind the order under the same act committing Miss Winch to hos-

pital after she had been co-operating with treatment and was no longer a danger to other people or herself. Mr Jones did not keep the order under review and rarely saw her. After a year the order expired and Miss Winch was released.

Dr Paul Hayward and Dr Paul Bishop, of Risley Remand Centre, should not have recommended making an order under section 26 of the act without making further inquiries as to whether Miss Winch's beliefs about solicitors were well founded, the court heard.

The two doctors found that Miss Winch, who was in the middle of a long legal action, over ownership of a house, was suffering from paranoid schizophrenia. The illness, they found, expressed itself in litigation and the belief that there was a ring of solicitors.

Miss Winch was taken to North Wales Hospital, Den-

bigh, in 1978 under a court order after spending three months at Risley Remand Centre, where she had been gaoled for contempt by Judge Blackett-Ord.

Miss Winch was held in contempt for refusing to hand over legal documents to release the sale of her late mother's house. She had been disputing the sale of the house since her mother's death in 1972.

Her sister disputed that she should administer the estate and asked the Public Trustee to take over.

While Miss Winch was in hospital in 1978 the house was sold. The Public Trustee's court costs were awarded against her, which, with her own legal costs, took up all her inheritance.

The case before the Master of the Rolls, Sir John Donaldson, sitting with two colleagues, continues today.

A career behind bars

THE HOME Secretary Mr Leon Brittan was yesterday urged to press ahead with a prison report which proposed career plans for long-term inmates.

Mr Brittan is to make a statement soon on improving the control of long-term prisoners.

Ms Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said in a briefing paper yesterday that he should implement measures proposed a year ago by the Home Office's control review committee.

She said: "The report contained a welcome public recognition of the serious inadequacies of our system for dealing with long-term prisoners."

The committee's proposals included drawing up individual career plans for long-term prisoners at the start of their sentences.

It also suggested reopening a therapeutic unit for disturbed inmates at Parkhurst Prison, more home leave opportunities, less censorship of mail and access to telephones in Category C and D prisons.

The committee said that it would be useful to examine US prison designs for smaller units of 50-100 prisoners.

Navy admits blunder on radiation records

THE navy has admitted to a Euro-MP that the Ministry of Defence blundered over the radiation records of workers employed inside Rosyth dockyard's nuclear Polaris dock.

Mr Alec Falconer, who represents Mid-Scotland and Fife, is demanding a full inquiry into the Government's system of collating the radiation records of employees at all military and civilian nuclear establishments.

The blunders were revealed after Mr Falconer failed to receive his records — he worked on Polaris submarine visits at Rosyth — after his election to the European Parliament last year.

In a letter yesterday Vice-Admiral George Vallings, Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, told Mr Falconer: "I have just learned of the unfortunate administrative error

which led to your radiation transfer record not being sent to you when you left dockyard employment."

"Your inquiry has revealed a number of similar omissions which are now being identified and rectified."

Last weekend Mr Falconer received a copy of his record from the Health and Safety Executive. "It did not reveal that in 1971 I received an overdose of 5,038 rems (the maximum legal limit is five rems)," he said.

"It is essential that next of kin have access to detailed records in the event of a death from cancer. It may be the only proof in a civil case for damages."

HSE in Edinburgh said: "We don't discuss individual records but we have no reason to believe Mr Falconer exceeded the permitted lifetime dosage level."

Jobless increase strain on social services

By David Hencke,
Social Services Correspondent

Social services departments are under increasing strain from people with mental health problems and the unemployed unable to cope with the social security system, according to a report commissioned by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

Nine out of 10 people seeking help from social workers in cities are unemployed, and most come from households where no other adult has a job, according to the report. Some children's homes in the worst areas of unemployment reported that none of the young people who had left care had found a permanent job in the past five years.

The research looked in detail at eight urban social services departments. They were Bradford, Coventry, Knowsley on Merseyside, the London boroughs of Harrow, Lambeth and Tower Hamlets, Manchester and Sunderland.

It also found growing mental health admissions to hospitals and inadequate services for the mentally ill and handicapped.

Ms Tessa Jowell, chairman of the AMA's social services committee, said yesterday: "This study suggests that unemployment is bringing a whole new group of people to the doors of social services departments whose problems begin with difficulty to cope financially and can progress towards family breakdown and relationship difficulties."

"Financial problems and difficulties with social security benefits have grown from a peripheral problem five or six years ago to be by far the major proportion of new cases."

"Many social services departments and advice agencies are struggling to meet demand. Lengthening queues and jammed switchboards were reported across the areas studied."

"The most cruel fate awaited children in care and the handicapped, she said."

"The increased presence of disheartened and idle young people in children's homes during the working day puts tremendous pressure on staff. Bad behaviour is increasing and motivation is disappearing."

Ms Sue Balloch, one of the researchers, said that one of the striking findings was the similarity between the problems facing social workers in Harrow and Sunderland. "We originally chose Harrow as a contrast. We found that among those seeking jobs — they felt if anything, more isolated than those in the north."

"We also found similarities in the rising number of admissions to mental hospitals and in inadequate services for the mentally handicapped."

The report, after a big drop in the number of mentally handicapped people placed in jobs in Harrow, 37 were placed between 1970 and 1976 compared with one between 1978 and 1983.

In Sunderland, Bradford and Knowsley, children's homes reported that hardly any of their young people had found a job since 1980.

Those who had found jobs were put under pressure by their peers to leave work and conform to the majority who were unemployed. Young people were also becoming increasingly in debt to electricity boards, in rent arrears and hire purchase.

Caring for Unemployed People. A study of the impact of unemployment on demand for personal social services. To be published on July 19. Bedford Square Press, £5.95.



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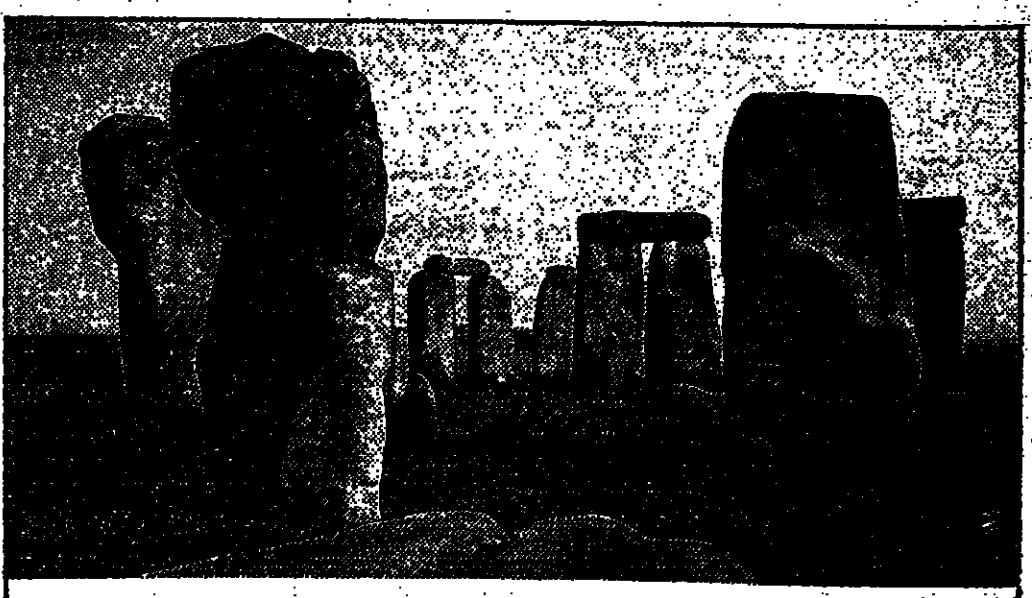
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Premature win claimed by ruling party in key state

Mexican poll clashes flare as opposition cries fraud

From Peter Chapman in Hermosillo, Mexico

Serious clashes between police and opposition supporters have been reported in the key northern Mexican state of Sonora, where the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) claims an overwhelming success in Sunday's general elections. In one city on the US border, police cars were set ablaze and a police station attacked.

The conservative opposition National Action Party (PAN) claims that the PRI is guilty of widespread electoral fraud.

The police station attack took place in San Luis, on the US frontier. PAN supporters set fire to police cars and stormed the police station, where PAN estimates that 100 of its members are being held. Sonora is one of seven states where governors were up for election on Sunday. PAN had thought it had a good chance of winning control in Sonora, and the other border state of Nuevo Leon. The PRI has not lost a national or state election in more than 50 years.

"There is no doubt I won," the PAN candidate, Adelberto Rosas, said in Sonora. PAN said that voting was 8-1 in its favour.

The PRI claims a 3-1 victory, and has been making such predictions since before the polls closed.

Mr Rosas called for a mass rally of his supporters in the Sonora capital of Hermosillo last night, apparently in keeping with PAN's promise that it would get its supporters on the streets if the PRI attempted to "steal" the election.

Opposition claims of PRI fraud have got some independent corroboration. PAN allegations that its full participation in the elections was being blocked saw its supporters protesting in the border city of Agua Prieta before polling even got under way. Serious clashes were also reported in the state's second city of Obregon.

In Nuevo Leon's capital of Monterrey, the editor of the local newspaper El Norte, reported 12 cases of polling stations being held up by armed men and ballot boxes being stolen.

Official results of the elections also for 400 state and Mexico's Lower House and hundreds of local government posts — will not be announced

until Sunday. Angry protests are expected against the PRI showing little sign of conceding an inch of power.

Even an hour before polls closed on Sunday, Mr Rodolfo Felix Valdes, the ruling party's candidate in Sonora, called a press conference to declare that the PRI had retained all posts throughout the enormous border state.

The newspaper, Corolla, pointed out that the PRI could not know it had won then unless it had been looking over people's shoulders after guiding them to polling booths.

Mr Felix Valdes, a former transport minister, has a reputation of being a hardworking bureaucrat from Sonora, though he left for Mexico City more than 40 years ago, he was recently plucked back from the capital to try to save the independently minded state going over to the Opposition. He returned to find himself embroiled in a contest riddled with fraud and intimidation, according to the PAN.

Opposition scepticism seemed justified when, with ballot boxes barely opened, the PRI was winning everything everywhere. "That is peculiar," Mr Rosas was quoted as saying, pointing to one PRI claim: "We've got about 40 relations in that area, and none seem to have voted for me."

In its half century of national and state rule, the PRI is often said to have clung to its tradition by what is called at election time a process of alchemy. "This can seem flattering. In fact there appears little mystery. The PRI is a well-oiled and experienced political machine, not above keeping its supporters well-oiled with promises and privilege. On the other hand, if Sonora went to the Opposition, it could find a lot of its central funds cut off. And for those who refuse to see which side of their bread is buttered, there are other methods."

In Sonora, the PAN was expected if not to slip, then to make the state election a close one. If it did go to the PAN, it would be the first big blow to the PRI's entrenched power. Other states could follow. Sonora's boast — a fear which older PRI leaders could mean Mexico — was that the PRI had followed the 1910 revolution, and which the PRI boasts — the party halted.

Howe visits Rio to discuss trade

From Jan Rocha in Sao Paulo

The British Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, arrived in Brazil yesterday for a three-day visit during which he will have talks with the President Jose Sarney and the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Mr Olavo Setubal, and address the British chamber of commerce here.

Since the Falklands war, when Brazil supported Argentina's claim to sovereignty, but not the invasion, Brazil preferred to keep relations cool. The aim of Sir Geoffrey's visit is to increase trade — Britain has slipped 15 places in Brazil's trade with the EEC.

The problem is that Brazil, once just an exporter of coffee, cocoa, and other commodities, now competes with Britain in the arms trade where it is already the world's fifth largest arms exporter. It was also a Brazilian company that recently won a valuable RAF contract to supply 130 training

planes, to be built under licence by Short Brothers in Northern Ireland.

Brazil hopes to get a more sympathetic approach to its \$100 billion foreign debt from Sir Geoffrey — described as a "political" approach rather than the strictly technical approach favoured up to now by British officials.

At Rio de Janeiro, Sir Geoffrey will have to compete for the headlines with another Briton, the train robber Ronald Biggs, who today celebrates the twentieth anniversary of his escape from Wandsworth prison.

Biggs' 20 years of freedom was only briefly interrupted in 1974 when Scotland Yard tried to extradite him back to Britain, but Brazil refused. Biggs, who now declares himself a "reformed man," manages the showbusiness career of his 10-year-old son, Mike, a popular performer on a Brazilian children's television programme.

Minister on fast

MANAGUA: Nicaragua's Foreign Minister, Father Miguel d'Escoto, left his post yesterday to go on a fast in protest against US opposition to Managua's leftwing Government.

Mr d'Escoto, who is a Roman Catholic priest, was suspended by the Vatican last year for refusing to give up his cabinet post.

Mr d'Escoto called a press conference at which he said he would fast and pray at a local Catholic church indefinitely. "I will continue in prayer and fasting until evangelical insurrection is ignited in Nicaragua and until this spark is multiplied in actions of solidarity by women and men of goodwill in North America, Latin America, Europe, and the Third World," he said.

President Daniel Ortega gave him permission to leave the foreign ministry to carry out the fast. The deputy foreign minister, Mr Victor Tineco, will take over in his absence. Mr d'Escoto said he was protesting against "terrorist US policies" — apparently a reference to Washington's support for insurgents fighting the Nicaraguan Government — and the world's religious leaders to join him in praying and fasting for peace. — Reuters

Marine's case delay

CALGARY: Lawyers for Charles Ng, the ex-Marine captured after an international manhunt, plan to fight his extradition to the US, where authorities say he can explain the murders of at least nine people at a California survivalist's cabin.

Mr Ng, who is being held under 24-hour guard, faces charges of attempted murder in Canada. He was arrested on Saturday at a Calgary department store during a shopping incident in which a security guard was shot and injured.

In a court appearance yesterday, the judge granted a prosecution request to adjourn for a preliminary psychiatric examination.

Leonard Lake, who lived in the cabin, where nine bodies, 40 pounds of bones, videos of sexual torture and bloodied tools were found, committed suicide in police custody. Police say Ng can unravel the mystery.

Six California police officers arrived here on Sunday to question the 24-year-old former US Marine. One of his lawyers said two of them and a Calgary police officer questioned him for five hours. — AP

Purple Hearts at America's 'wailing wall'

From Barbara Cartwright in Washington

ONE NIGHT shortly after the 1982 dedication of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, someone left a pair of old cowboy boots at the base of the gleaming black slabs.

"They had not been polished or used in a long time," Jan Scruggs, president and founder of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund, said. "The parents must have left them there. It was just so eerie. They were kind of all by themselves."

Shortly after that, Eleanor Winbush, a 58-year-old housewife, left a basket of yellow flowers and the first of more than 20 letters she has since

written to her dead son, Army Sergeant William Stock.

"I had to put something there to bring some warmth to that black wall," Mrs Winbush said. "It was just so empty. And people could look at the names, but none of them had any meaning. I wanted to bring something personal to the wall."

Since then, hundreds of war mementos, from Purple Hearts to tear-stained letters, have been left at the memorial, which serves as a kind of Wailing Wall for the friends and families of the 58,022 whose names are on the memorial, as well as for those who served and survived.

Neither expecting the vol-

ume of souvenirs nor knowing what to do with them, the National Park Service periodically collected and stored the items in cardboard boxes in government offices.

"I think we all came to the conclusion that keeping them in cardboard boxes just wasn't right," Earle Kittleson, a park service spokesman, said.

There are now cabinets and drawers full of mementos in a 25,000-sq ft brick warehouse in Lanham, next to the Goddard space flight centre, where other National Park Service property is stored.

So far about 1,300 items are in the Vietnam collection — shut away from rain and sun, stored under controlled conditions where the humidity is

kept between 50 and 55 per cent.

The only requirement for inclusion in the collection is that the item must be found at the memorial, so the wide-ranging collection includes Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox baseball caps, worn army dog tags ("Anderson, R.C. USMC. 094068. Presbyterian"), crumbling high school football clippings, diaries and a POW-MIA bracelet that says "Ron, you are with us in spirit, always."

There are the postcards and notes. "Dear Dad, I really miss you. Lots of love to all you B-52 guys. I love you," scrawled on a scrap of paper.

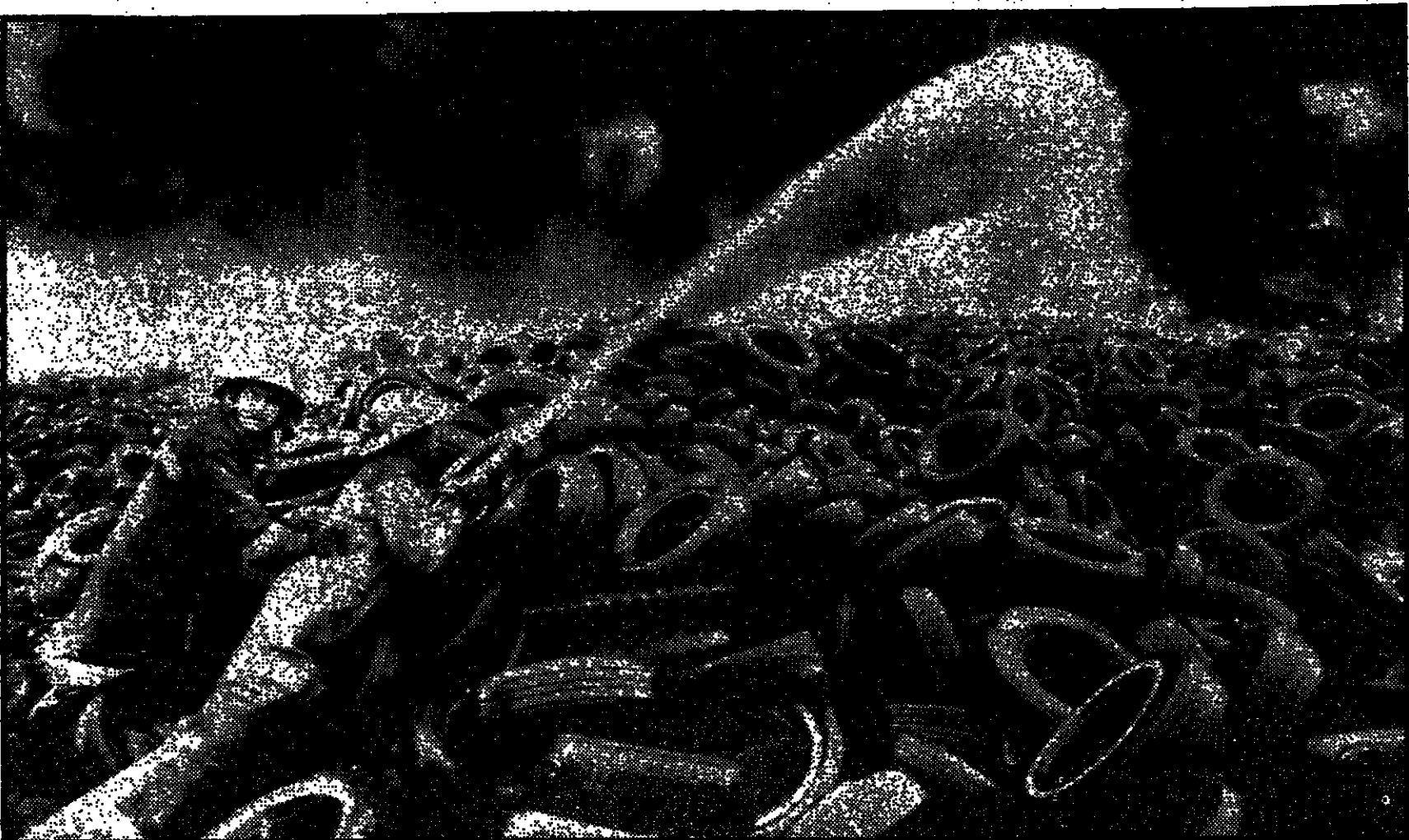
Love letters. "Bob, I bring

you a message from Sandy. She still loves you."

And the letter wrapped in plastic that Mrs Winbush left at the memorial in 1982, nearly 15 years after her son's death in a helicopter crash in Vietnam, in which she described finding her son's name on the wall for the first time.

"My heart seemed to stop. I felt as though I couldn't breathe. It was like a bad dream. I felt as though I was freezing. My teeth chattered. God, how it hurt."

Greg Vaughan, a park service technician who works at the warehouse where the items are stored, said he periodically gets "a little misty" about some of the items — Washington Post.



TYRE FIGHTERS: A blaze in a tyre storage yard in Louisville, Kentucky, was controlled by 50 firemen after four hours.

Sweden 'nearly joined' the A-bomb club

Gill Dwyer in Stockholm reports on a civilian-military conspiracy

FILES THAT tell the full story of how Sweden came to the brink of joining the nuclear weapons club with the aid of its civil nuclear power industry are now being scrutinised by the Ministry of Defence.

The inquiry follows an intense public debate stimulated by an exhibition in Stockholm's technical weekly, Ny Teknik, which insinuated that the nuclear weapon programme was to be used against the civil nuclear industry.

Although Sweden knew that the military had been pushing for atomic weapons in the 1950s and 1960s, few realised how close Sweden was to its secret goal of producing 10 Nagasaki-sized bombs a year. These tactical weapons were to be used against attackers "even if it must be done on Swedish territory," according to a previously classified document from 1961.

In the mid-1950s, Sweden and France were at the same level in A-bomb development. France carried out its first test in 1960, but the Parliament here denied per-

mission for the military to begin building atomic bombs.

Nevertheless, according to the Ny Teknik reporter, Christer Larsson, a "secret" circle of Social Democrats including the present Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, allowed the military to continue building up the necessary infrastructure in case opinion should swing again in favour of atomic weapons. By 1965, according to Swedish Defence Research Institute (FOA) scientists, Sweden was able to produce an A-bomb within six months.

About 44lbs of plutonium for the nuclear weapon programme was produced within the civil nuclear cycle, which had been secretly funded and shaped by the military through the FOA.

The key man in this effort was Mr Sigvard Eklund, who later in 1961-1962 headed the International Atomic Energy Agency, the authority responsible for seeing that no civil plutonium is "diverted" for military use. Mr Eklund, an FOA bomb scientist, with extensive contacts in the United Kingdom, France, and the US, was made head of the Swedish Atomic Energy Company in 1950.

Mr Eklund said in Vienna, where he now works for the IAEA, in an honorary position: "I never saw any conflict in working for the Swedish nuclear weapon programme within the civil

Atomic Energy Company."

He added that values were different at that time. Embarrassment is ameliorated by the fact that Sweden only signed Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty in 1968, the year it finally renounced the nuclear option.

Ny Teknik has cast Mr Palme somewhat in the mould of reformers, pointing out that other party members considered him a "nuclear weapon man." The present debate has centred largely on a compromise suggested by Mr Palme in 1959 when the country and the Social Democrats were split on the question of nuclear weapons.

As a result of the compromise, the secret nuclear weapon programme became an official effort in "defensive" research. FOA was authorised to explore A-bomb construction to find ways to protect the population. At the same time, it was instructed not to lay the basis for construction. By imposing diffuse limits, Sweden maintained its "freedom of action," Mr Palme explained after the disclosures.

To the Americans, this freedom meant that Sweden would probably produce finished nuclear weapons in quantity by the late 1960s according to a US intelligence report in 1960.

To FOA, it meant that it could perfect A-bomb components, plan for secret nuclear

tests, and lay plans for a military takeover of civil reactors.

"At a high level they must have been aware that FOA would try and push things as far as it could," says a researcher, Mr Allan Ditt, of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. "It seems there was a civilian-military balance, and that the Government was confident it could shift this balance."

The military interest in nuclear weapons faded off in the mid-1950s. One reason was that the Americans forced up the costs of the proliferation-prone heavy water reactors. The biggest reactor proved a fiasco because of delays, increased costs and the military losing its battle for the reactor to be maximised for plutonium production.

Another reason was that in a world of increasingly big terror weapons, "smaller arsenals were not peace-keeping; quite the reverse." The way was clear for Parliament to renounce the nuclear option.

In 1972, Sweden's attempt to become a nuclear power ended with a whimper. All that remains is an entirely theoretical defensive nuclear weapon research programme. As its director, Mr Tor Larsson, said Sweden's nuclear past has enabled it to play a valuable role in Geneva.

Pope 'plot' extradition request

ROME: The court investigating an alleged plot to kill the Pope yesterday decided to ask Turkey to extradite a defendant, Bekir Celenk, unexpectedly released and sent home by Bulgaria after arriving from Sofia.

Celenk, aged 50, alleged to have hired a Turkish gunman, Mehmet Ali Agca, to shoot the Pope, was in the hands of Turkish security authorities yesterday after arriving from Sofia.

Agca, who has provided most of the evidence against four Turks and three Bulgarians accused of being his fellow conspirators, refused to attend the trial yesterday in protest about Bulgaria's decision to send Celenk to Turkey, not Italy.

Exercising his right under Italian law not to attend, he told the court president, Mr Severino Santapichi, in a note: "I am not coming to the trial because I protest against and condemn the Bulgarian action. It is all part of a political plot between the Bulgarian and Turkish governments."

Agca, aged 27, serving a life sentence for shooting and wounding the Pope in St Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, has alleged that Bulgarian and Soviet diplomats masterminded the plot.

The trial continues today. — Reuters

Castro wages war in Swedish crocodile pool

Stockholm: Henry, the senior crocodile at Stockholm zoo, has lost two toes in a power struggle with a rival called Castro, the gift of President Fidel Castro.

The head of the zoo's aquarium, Mr Jones Wahlstrom said yesterday that he planned to rename the crocodile pool "little Cuba" because of the guerrilla war between Henry, aged 13, and his seven-year-old challenger.

Henry, who hails from Egypt, had his toes amputated after being savaged by Castro, who has been trying to dominate the crocodile community

since arriving from Moscow's zoo in 1981.

Castro's aggressiveness horrified visitors last month when he caught a baby monkey in his jaws and snapped it in half.

The Cuban pretender, originally given to a Soviet cosmonaut by President Fidel Castro before being handed on to the Swedish zoo, demonstrated his superior virility by fathering 13 offspring to Henry's four last year.

Henry is a Nile crocodile who was confiscated by customs in 1976 after an attempt to smuggle him into Sweden.

Brazilian police chief carries 'Mengele' home

Frankfurt: The federal police chief of Sao Paulo arrived here yesterday carrying bone fragments, teeth, hair, and documents that he said should prove the death of Josef Mengele.

Carrying a black briefcase, Mr Romeu Tuma said he was 99 per cent sure the body exhumed last month in Embu, near Sao Paulo, was that of the Auschwitz concentration camp doctor known as the "Angel of Death."

Mr Tuma said that US and West German forensic experts who had examined the evidence in Brazil agreed the

remains were those of Mengele, but Israeli experts were still doubtful.

He did not specify the Israeli reservations and West Germany has yet to make a definite statement.

Mr Tuma met by the Frankfurt public prosecutor, Mr Hans Eberhard Klein, who has been in charge of the Mengele hunt for the last 11 years, and two officers of the Federal Criminal Office.

Mr Klein said the evidence would now be examined and a report on the body could be expected by the end of July. — Reuters

Becker's hometown awaits champion

LEIMEN, West Germany: Local residents learned yesterday that they would have to wait four more days to welcome home Boris Becker after his victory at Wimbledon, but that did not dim the local glow over the 17-year-old's achievement.

Becker rewrote the record books on Sunday when he became the youngest and first unseeded winner in the 106-year-old history of Wimbledon.

He is also the first German to win the crown, and his 6-2, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 defeat of the American, Kevin Curren, in the men's singles final was watched by an estimated

1 billion people around the world.

A celebration planned for yesterday evening at the town hall was postponed until Friday after Becker's parents told the mayor that they were going to enjoy a few days of peace and quiet with their son to recover from all the excitement.

"Telephone calls are coming from all over the world," said the mayor, Mr Herbert Ehrbar, whose community of 17,000 is four miles south of Heideberg in south-western West Germany. "Everyone wants to know more details" about Becker.

Mr Ehrbar proudly showed a tennis racket hanging on his office wall that was used by

Becker to defeat the top-ranked Czechoslovak star, Ivan Lendl, in a recent tournament.

The president of the Leimen tennis club to which the Becker family belongs, Mr Kurt Weber, said jubilantly: "We knew for a long time that he would turn into something great." At the age of five, Becker practised for hours hitting tennis balls against the practice wall, he said. "This is a great day in our history."

Meanwhile, Becker can look forward to a flood of lucrative sponsorship contracts. "His income potential is tremendous. The kid is very likeable, he's nice, he's

well-behaved. What more could you ask for?" said Mr Wolfgang Goetz, who represents the international sports management group, McCormack, in West Germany.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg, who won Wimbledon five times in a row before leaving the tennis circuit in his mid-20s, is reputed to have earned more than \$30 million during his career.

Becker, managed by Ion Tiriac, already has at least 10 sponsors — a West German sports equipment firm, an Italian sports fashion manufacturer, a West German chemicals company, and a Swiss watchmaker. — AP/Reuters

Collapse of stout party in NZ

From Ian Templeton in Wellington

The New Zealand Party has announced plans to suspend its activities because, it says, its popularity is hurting the Labour Government.

The party's decision was announced here by its leader, Mr Bob Jones, and its president, Mr Malcolm McDonald. Some party officials were taken by surprise.

Mr Jones said that the Timaru by-election, where the Government was heavily defeated — had caused serious consideration of the party's electoral impact. He urged that the party abandon politics. Mr Jones, reputed to be a millionaire, said that he was "going fishing."

The New Zealand Party, which was formed only 10 months before last year's general election, 236,000 votes or 12 per cent of the total, is supposed to split the Conservative vote and allow Labour to win the election.

The party claimed that Mr Muldoon's Government was ruining the country and advocated a programme of economic structural reform which, it says, the incoming Labour Government has adopted. In deciding to leave politics, the New Zealand Party asserted that it believes a change of government would not be desirable now.

What effect the party's decision will have on the electoral fortunes of the main parties is uncertain. It might force some Labour Party supporters to reject the idea of a "protest" vote as many did in the Timaru by-election. But the greater probability is that those who voted for the New Zealand party will return to the National Party or vote for the other minor party, Social Credit, which is changing its name to the Democrat Party to widen its appeal.

Australia compensates for SA ban

Canberra: The Australian Government has for the first time paid compensation to two sporting bodies which refused to play overseas in competition against South Africa, the Sports Minister, Mr John Brown, said yesterday.

The Australian Yachting Federation received A\$33,000 (£17,000) and the Australian Surf Riders Association A\$800 (£370) for refusing to take part in separate overseas events in 1981. Mr Brown said.

The two bodies withdrew teams from overseas events when they were already attending when it was discovered that South African teams were taking part, his statement said.

The teams had applied to the previous conservative coalition government for compensation, but had not received it, although they were badly out of pocket, according to a spokesman for the Sport Minister.

awarded because the teams had adhered to Australian Government policy against sporting contacts with South Africa in third countries.

A team of top Australian cricketers, led by the former Test captain, Kim Hughes, will ignore official appeals and tour South Africa later this year.

In Cape Town yesterday, it was announced that a private fund will set up for the first time New Zealand All Blacks, who could lose their public sector teaching jobs because of their participation in the team's tour of South Africa, by the South African rugby union chief, Danie Craven. — Reuters

Czechs fly to freedom

VIENNA: Three young Czechoslovaks hijacked a light plane to seek political asylum in Austria by chloroforming the pilot as his son took over the controls, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

A spokesman, Mr Andreas Rades, said that the incident occurred on Sunday during a pleasure flight that took off from Pardubice, about 62 miles east of Prague. The Austrian press agency identified the son as Radek Strutz, aged 19, who was learning to fly with his father, a Czechoslovak air force pilot.

The three passengers in the Zlin sport plane had planned the defection since early June. Mr Rades said that a passenger, Tomas Nepivoda, sitting in a back seat, stuffed a chloroform-soaked rag into the face of the pilot, Mr Radek Strutz, shortly after takeoff. The pilot died his hands.

The younger Strutz, who could fly a plane but was unable to take off or land, turned south for Austria at low altitude to avoid Czechoslovak radar.

The elder Strutz, who wants to return home, came to during the flight. As the plane crossed the border low on fuel, the plotters untied him and landed at a clay strip near Hofbrunn, in north-east Austria. — AP

Forgery an inside job

Sydney: Police said yesterday that they had smashed a huge forgery racket at a multi-million security guard who was producing A\$20 bills and fake documents for spending stores at Sydney department stores.

Parkville inmates also produced prisoner discharge slips in false names which were smuggled out of the prison and sold to collaborators who used them to collect welfare benefits. They also copied birth certificates and drivers' licences.

"It points to gross incompetence," the New South Wales Corrective Services Minister, Mr John Akister, said. "The series of scandals, led by the prison service, led to immediate opposition calls for Mr Akister's resignation. He replied that he had instituted an internal investigation into the prison racket two months ago and saw no need to quit."

There has been an outcry about the number of convicts escaping over the past two years. Rapists and murderers were among the 183 convicts who have escaped since last July.

A spokeswoman for Mr Akister said yesterday that "we still don't know the extent of the racket or how long it's been going on." Three prisoners were suspended at the weekend and two others told to go on indefinite leave. — AP

Muslims reject Karami cabinet

BANASCUS: The Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim leader, Mr. Nabih Berri, yesterday rejected the framework of his country's Government and said that a Syrian-mediated conference of Muslim leaders here was considering a new legislature.

More than a dozen Lebanese Shi'ite and Druze Muslim leaders met Syrian officials in the first round of talks on ways to stop inter-Muslim fighting in West Beirut and to revive political dialogue.

"The current governmental framework is not satisfactory for the present, future, or for our aspirations," Mr. Berri, the Justice Minister and leader of the Shi'ite Amal militia said.

The framework of action, defined last year when Mr. Rashid Karami formed his "national unity" Cabinet, was intended to give Lebanon's Muslim majority an equal say in government. Little progress has been made on this and other promised political reforms.

Mr. Berri said that the conference would review proposals for a new constitution based on a constituent assembly. At the last parliamentary election in 1972, deputies to Lebanon's now weakened assembly were elected from a Christian-biased quota system.

The senior spiritual and political leaders, including the Prime Minister, and all Muslim members of his Cabinet, met the Syrian Vice-President, Mr. Abdel Halim Khaddam, and other senior Syrian officials. Mr. Karami, who on Sunday said that his government was "defunct to a great extent," declined to comment on the session.

Syrian political sources said that the conference was "the absolute top priority" for President Hafez Assad and Mr. Khaddam, Syria's veteran power broker in Lebanon.

Mr. Berri said that the first session dealt mostly with security issues, in mainly Muslim West Beirut, which Western diplomats say Syria views as crucial.

Fierce clashes have erupted recently there, which pitted Amal's Shi'ite forces against the mainly-Druze Progressive Socialist Party militia and Sunni gunmen. Amal-FSP alliance under Syrian auspices.

Official sources said that a surprise participant at private talks with delegates here yesterday was Sayid Muhammad Fadlallah, the main spiritual mentor of Lebanon's pro-Iranian fundamentalist Shi'ite Hezbollah militia.

● Syria has withdrawn 20 per cent of its troops from Lebanon in the four weeks since Israel completed its pull out from the south, Israel's Defence Minister, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, said at the weekend. — Reuters/AP.

Gadafy retaliates

BEIRUT: The Libyan Government is to ban Egyptians from working in Libya in retaliation for similar treatment of Libyans in Egypt, the official Libyan news agency, Jana, reported yesterday.

In a separate Jana dispatch, received here, the Lib-yan leader, Colonel Muammar Gadafy, was quoted as telling Arab rulers that he would urge young Arabs to destroy "the bridge" between Egypt and Israel. Libya and Egypt have been at odds since Cairo signed the US-sponsored peace treaty with Israel in 1979, and most Arab states later broke diplomatic relations with Egypt.

Jana said: "Since Libyans do not have the right to enter and work in Egypt, it has been decided to introduce similar treatment, and accordingly Egyptians will have no right to work in the Jamahiriya (Libya)." It did not say when the ban would be effective.

The number of Egyptian workers in Libya has been declining, but there are believed to be several thousand still there.

Informed sources quoted by Jana said the move was not aimed against individual Egyptians.

In his message, Colonel Gadafy attacked the Arab League for what he said was indifference towards member states which violated its decisions, particularly its six-year-old boycott of Egypt. — Reuters.

Iraq courts Soviet Union

BAGHDAD: Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday met the Soviet Ambassador, Mr. Victor Minin, for the third time in two weeks over meeting in the Foreign given although the Foreign Minister, Mr. Tariq Aziz, was present. The Soviet Union is Iraq's main arms supplier and both countries are bound by a friendship and cooperation treaty. — Reuters.

Washington cautious on Vietnamese overture

Resistance to Hanoi is financed by CIA, says US report

From Michael White in Washington

The CIA has been financing non-Communist rebels fighting the Vietnamese-backed regime in Kampuchea to the tune of several million dollars a year since 1982, the Washington Post said yesterday.

There was no immediate official comment on the report, but intelligence analysts were not surprised by the paper's claim that the CIA is providing as much as \$5 million this year via Thailand.

Efforts are being made to ensure that the money does not reach the Communist Khmer Rouge, with which the two smaller non-Communist factions are in loose coalition, although there is scepticism on this. Because of the Khmers' record when the Pol Pot regime was in power in Phnom Penh, Congress has banned any such aid.

A further complication is Vietnam's unexpected overture at the weekend in offering to turn over the remains of 26 US Vietnam war servicemen and to cooperate in identifying other Americans missing in action; there are still 2,464 officially missing in Indochina.

US diplomats reacted cautiously to the offer, given past

disappointments, but progress on this emotive issue would remove one obstacle to normal relations between Hanoi and Washington.

However, the US has been moving towards a more active and open support of anti-Communist groups fighting guerrilla wars against incumbent regimes. The latest revelation comes at a time when liberal

Conservatives are pushing parallel changes in the 1986 Foreign Aid Bill which would lift the 1975 ban on covert aid to pro-Western guerrillas in Angola—itsself a product of the reaction of American public opinion to the defeat in Vietnam.

Foreign aid rebels are already getting a "covert" \$250 million a year.

That's why we want future aid to be overt—precisely because it is Indochina. From the outset, a broad bipartisan consensus which we believe exists, must be seen," one Congressional aide said yesterday.

By coincidence, the US Secretary of State, Mr. George Shultz, is making a symbolic

visit to a Kampuchean refugee camp on the Thai border today on his way to the ASEAN meeting in Kuala Lumpur. Since Vietnam invaded Kampuchea after the Pol Pot massacres of 1975-79 and installed a client regime, US military aid to Thailand has increased to an estimated \$100 million a year. The only overt Kampuchea aid is about \$15 million a year for refugees.

The co-author of the Post report, Robert Woodward, who was also involved in the paper's disclosure in May that the CIA had been engaged in training Lebanese who later, without CIA knowledge, conducted a freelance revenge bombing which killed 80 people.

But the comparison the Kampuchean involvement invites is with Nicaragua, where covert and "non-lethal" aid blending into logistic support was also CIA policy until Congress stopped it—temporarily, as it now transpires.

The Administration's strategy appears to be to put pressure on Vietnam to withdraw with the hope of creating a more broadly-based coalition inside Kampuchea without the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge returning to power.

Shultz lends weight to Kampuchea peace effort

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

Foreign ministers of the Association of South-east Asian Nations, Asean, called on Vietnam yesterday to take part in indirect peace negotiations with the three factions of Kampuchea's resistance coalition.

The proposal for so-called proximity talks, in which the three factions would negotiate with a Vietnamese delegation, to include members of the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin regime in Phnom Penh, came at the start of a two-day conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Hanoi has already rejected the idea. Coinciding with the start of the conference, the US Secretary of State, Mr. George Shultz, arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit designed, he said, "to give a sense of the support of the US for the Asean effort and the effort of non-Communist guerrillas to stand up to the independence and freedom of Cambodia."

As he flew in, US and Thai forces were preparing for the biggest and most complex joint exercise they have staged, Cobra Gold 85. F-15 fighters now based in Japan will take part—the first deployment of US tactical aircraft—and the biggest flexing of US military muscle in the region since the Vietnam war.



● Prince Norodom Sihamoni: pivot for political accommodation

Mr. Shultz, who yesterday met the Thai Prime Minister, Mr. Prem Tinsulanonda, and Kampuchean non-Communist resistance leaders, will visit the Thai-Kampuchean border and also see King Bhumibol Adulyadej before going to Kuala Lumpur for talks with the Asean ministers on economic issues.

The proximity talks proposal, seen by diplomats as partly an attempt by Asean to put the Kampuchean issue into Hanoi's court before the UN General Assembly in September, may prove short-lived.

Last week, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr. Nguyen

Co Thach, dismissed the proposal as out of the question. He repeated this week to revive, in an interview with Time magazine, suggestions of staging an international conference on Kampuchea.

Mr. Thach, as in the past, called for the removal of the Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot, as a condition for withdrawing from Kampuchea and suggested a political accommodation could be negotiated between the resistance coalition leader, Prince Norodom Sihamoni, and the Heng Samrin regime.

He also made clear Vietnam's interest in normalising relations with the US—something Indonesia is now actively promoting as a means to resolving the Kampuchean problem.

As a first step, Vietnam last week offered high-level talks with the US aimed at settling within two years the issue of the 2,500 US servicemen still missing from the Vietnam war. Remains of 60 US servicemen have been returned home and progress in searching for others has been an irritant in US-Vietnamese relations.

Vietnam has also said that it will return the remains of 26 missing servicemen, said to include a government prisoner of war not previously accounted for by the Vietnamese and provide information on six more.



PEKING ORBIT: The Chinese-American astronaut, Taylor Wang, and his wife stroll through the Forbidden City on a goodwill visit to Peking

Tamils protest as peace talks open

New Delhi: Secret talks aimed at ending Sri Lanka's communal violence started yesterday in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan as hundreds of Tamil separatists marched through Jaffna, in Tamil-dominated northern Sri Lanka, in protest.

A senior Bhutan official said the morning session "went off well" and a second session took place in the afternoon. He gave no details.

Security has been tightened in the Bhutan capital, Thimphu, and around the bank holiday where the talks are taking place—the first since the start of the two-year crisis—between Colombo and guerrillas seeking an independent state for the island's 2.5 million Tamil minority.

Five guerrilla groups, spearheading a campaign for autonomy in which hundreds of people have been killed, are represented alongside delegates from the community's biggest political party, the Tamil United Liberation Front, TULF.

They face a government team headed by President Junius Jayewardene's brother, Mr. H. W. Jayewardene, a lawyer.

As the talks began, hundreds of demonstrators marched through the streets of Jaffna shouting, "Ignore the ceasefire."

Following a ceasefire which the Colombo Government announced on June 18, the two sides agreed to hold talks sponsored by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi.

Tamil demonstrators, including women and children, took to the streets of Jaffna, shouting: "We don't want talks and we want a separate state," according to residents. Shops and offices closed and buses stopped running in the city, the centre of Tamil agitation.

Tamils, who make up only about a sixth of Sri Lanka's 15 million people, complain that the Sinhalese-dominated government discriminates against them in language, education, employment, and land settlement.

Bhutan has barred journalists from the tiny kingdom during the negotiations. Sri Lankan political sources say they are expected to last five days. — Reuters.

Sikhs plead not guilty to murder

NEW DELHI: Three Sikhs pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of taking part in the murder of Mrs Indira Gandhi, who was shot outside her home in October.

Satwant Singh, aged 22, wearing a blue turban, listened impassively from a bullet-proof glass cubicle in the top security Tihar prison here as the Judge, Mr. Mahesh Chandra, charged him with murdering the prime minister. Two other Sikhs, Balbir Singh and Kehar Singh, were charged with conspiring to murder Mrs Gandhi.

A fourth Sikh, Beant Singh, who was reported to have been shot dead by security forces shortly after the assassination, was also named in the charges which carry penalties of life imprisonment or death.

"You, Satwant Singh, and deceased Beant Singh in furtherance of your common intentions did an act, to wit on October 31, 1984 at 9.10 am at 1, Safdarjung Road, New Delhi, the murder of Indira Gandhi, then prime minister of India, by shooting her down with your service firearms, that is a carnal and heinous act."

Mr. Chandra said. Singh's defence lawyer, Mr. P.N. Lekhi, objected to the presence of security men in the makeshift courtroom, the lack of air conditioning and what he said was a failure to provide enough space for the trial.

He also objected to the order in which the prosecution has called witnesses to appear from today, demanding that medical reports and eye-witnesses be produced first. — Reuters.

China back to church

PEKING: More than 40,000 mosques, churches, and Buddhist and Taoist temples have been renovated and opened in China in the past decade, the People's Daily said yesterday.

It said China had 10 million Muslims among "Tens of millions" of believers, and about 5,000 had been elected to local people's congresses and other political bodies. The Government says there are also three million practising Catholics and three million Protestants in the country.

Religion was banned during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution and the Communist Party officially espouses atheism. However, the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion.

Mr Deng Xiaoping's regime is now subsidising the renovation of places of worship and permitting a limited religious revival under state-approved religious organisations such as the "patriotic" Catholic Church.

The "Patriotic" Church is state-controlled and was created in 1957 when Peking broke off relations with the Vatican, accusing it of interfering in China's affairs.

China now has 44 theological seminaries with more than 1,500 novices and monks, the People's Daily said. — AP.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya to train Sudanese soldiers

SUDAN disclosed yesterday that Libya is to help train its armed forces, the latest move in improved relations between the two countries since an April 6 coup overthrew Ja'afar Numeiri as Sudanese President.

The state-owned al-Sahafa newspaper said the defence Minister in the new army-supervised Sudanese Government, Major-General Osman Abdalla Mohamed, returned from Libya yesterday after signing a military protocol there.

He was quoted as saying it provided for Libyan help with logistics, transport, and equipment, in training exchanges and in aspects of navy and air defence. — Reuters.

Three freed

THREE West Europeans detained by Albanian security forces in Naputo since May 2 were released at the weekend, a Government spokesman said yesterday. The three, a doctor and a teacher from Holland and an English schoolteacher, were all contract workers in the northern province of Nampula. — Reuters.

Bomb arrests

THE NEPALESE Prime Minister, Mr. Lokendra Bahadur Chand said yesterday that the Government has arrested more than 1,400 people in connection with bomb blasts that killed seven people last month. Mr. Chand said, an confident that I will be able to give all the details within a few days. — AP.

Tune-less

CUSTOMERS in Peking are complaining that shops don't have recordings of the communist anthem, the Internationale, or the Chinese national anthem, the official Economic Daily said yesterday. — Reuters.

N-ban law

NEW ZEALAND will draft legislation banning nuclear warships by the end of the year, the Prime Minister, Mr. David Lange, said yesterday. Mr. Lange said he hoped the legislation would also cover a proposed South Pacific nuclear-free zone. — Reuters.

Rebels die

SEVEN Maoist guerrillas, including a woman, were killed in the second clash in a week with police in Peru's oil-rich state of Loreto, a civil guard spokesman said yesterday. He said that four police were wounded in the skirmish near Providencia, 680 miles northeast of Lima. — Reuters.

Cyprus talks

THE PRESIDENT of Cyprus, Mr. Spyros Kyprianou, left for Athens yesterday for talks with the Greek Government. The visit suggests that intensified efforts are being made to reach a settlement of high-level talks on Cyprus. — Reuters.

Floods return

FLASH floods caused by torrential rains have left more than 3,000 people homeless and about 150,000 others in the last two days in the Bangladesh districts of Raipur and Chittagong, officials said yesterday. — AP.

Flying starts

SYDNEY international airport was back to normal yesterday after a week-long firefighters' strike that left more than 20,000 people stranded. The firemen won their claim for a 30-hour week and increased manning levels. — AP.

Soviet visit

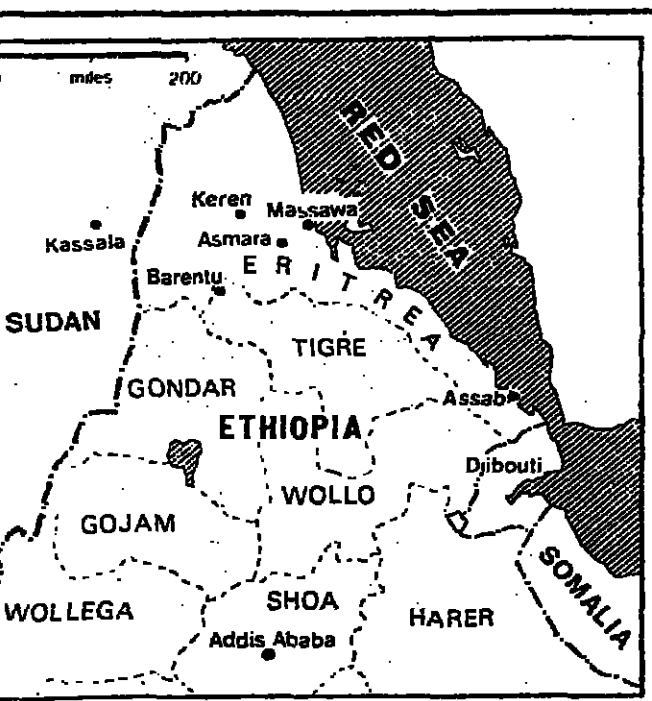
ALL 11 members of the British parliamentary foreign affairs committee arrived in Moscow yesterday for four days of talks with Soviet officials beginning today. Members of the group are guests of the Supreme Soviet. — Reuters.

Singer held

THE BASQUE pop singer, Imanol Larrazabal, was arrested yesterday under an anti-terrorist law for his alleged involvement in the prison escape of two Basque separatists in San Sebastian in northern Spain. — Reuters.

Gdansk trial

THE PROSECUTION in Gdansk yesterday sought a four-year jail term for a Solidarity activist, Stanislaw Koralski, aged 47, arrested during a prayer vigil for political prisoners and accused of illegal activities, opposition sources said. — Reuters.



Rebels 'seize' town

By Michael Simmons

Reports that the Eritrean People's Liberation Front has taken the strategically sited town of Barentu in northern Ethiopia after a fierce all-night tank battle with government forces were denied by the Ethiopian embassy in London last night.

EPLF officials insisted that they had defeated two Ethiopian army divisions and a mechanised brigade in a battle lasting several days, finally taking the town early on Sunday morning. The claim, if true, would give the Eritreans control over important access and supply routes running from the Sudanese frontier across the north of the country to the port of Massawa.

The area has been the scene of several skirmishes in recent months between the opposing sides, and the Eritrean expectation is that the town, now said to be evacuated, will be subjected to aerial bombardment from the Ethiopian air force for several days.

The European representative of EPLF, Mr. Ernas Dedesi, said last night that Eritrean forces now planned an assault on the town of Keren, between Barentu and the sea, attacking from the north, where the EPLF is already entrenched, as well as the west. "Barentu," he said, "is a very important and strategic victory for us. We now have the upper hand in this area, and we have cleared the western part of Eritrea of government forces."

No details of deaths or casualties were available, nor were there any figures for prisoners taken. EPLF's understanding is that as many as 8,000 Ethiopian troops fought in the battle.

An Ethiopian embassy spokesman said that the reports had no truth. "I do not have that kind of report," he said. "There is no fighting in Eritrea."

Nkomo supporters evicted by jubilant members of Zanu

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Political harassment spread through Harare's townships yesterday as supporters of Mr. Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu Party intimidated members of opposition parties.

Mobs of gleeful women and youths, apparently spurred by Zanu's election victory and Mr. Mugabe's tough anti-minority party speeches, broke into scores of Harare township homes, tossing the inhabitants and all their belongings out on the street, and threatening beatings if they should try to move back into their homes.

The Zanu gangs insulted their victims for supporting the parties of the defeated Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Mr. Joshua Nkomo.

The mob action took place throughout Harare's black townships and was also reported in Midlands province townships, where a year ago similar Zanu mobs were blamed for the deaths of some

100 people and the destruction of 200 homes of opposition supporters.

The post-election "evacuations" of minority supporters from their homes appeared to be well-organised and generally non-violent, in that the victims were not seriously beaten. There was, however, an un-

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armed report that three people were killed. Journalists counted 20 homes from which the families had been "evicted" in one area of Mutakose township before a mob of about 1,000 became angry at the intrusion and threatened them.

An officer at a nearby police station said they were ensuring that no one was injured but were not taking any action to stop the illegal removals.

The removals began on Sunday night and many people slept out in the cold. About 800 homes throughout Harare's townships were ransacked, according to Zimbabwe's national news agency, Zina. Late yesterday Zimbabwe's Minister of Information, and leading Zanu politburo member, Mr. Nathan Shamuyarira, appealed for the Zanu supporters to stop.

We have not yet reached the goal of a one-party state and therefore any person is still entitled to support a party of his or her own choice," Mr. Shamuyarira said.

Most of the residents said they were members of Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), the opposition party which won 15 parliamentary seats, all of them in the Matabeleland North and South provinces where the country's ethnic minority, the Ndebele, are concentrated.

Sixty-seven Zapu supporters arrived at Joshua Nkomo's Highfield home, saying they had been thrown out of their homes in the nearby Chitungwiza township.

Four die in SA clashes

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

Duduzi residents charged that the police who were involved in the raid wore "masks" or balaclavas. Lieutenant Jefferson admitted that police wore balaclavas but insisted that there was nothing sinister about it.

It is cold in the early morning and police wore balaclavas to keep themselves warm, he said, not to hide their identity. Balaclavas were part of the standard equipment issued to soldiers and police.

The police account consisted of a list of six clashes between police patrols armed with shotguns and birdshot and "stone-throwing mobs." In all six clashes, police dispersed the crowd with birdshot, killing three black men and wounding several more.

The police account was directly contradicted by Mr. Thjabo Mbagi, who saw his friend, Joe Nonyane, shot dead.

"Joe and I saw police sjamboking and escorting people to the hall and hid at my home."

"After some time we decided to go out to buy cigarettes. While we were still in my yard, I saw a policeman a few yards away in the street aiming his firearm at us."

"I ducked behind a wall and tried to alert Joe, but I was too late. The police had already pulled the trigger, hitting him in the head. He died instantly."

Duduzi lies about 25 miles east of Johannesburg. It was one of three East Rand townships where eight black men died violently about a fortnight ago when, according to the police, grenades and in one case, a limpet mine which they were carrying detonated prematurely.

In addition to the latest Duduzi deaths, two more people have died in township violence. In a black township near Steynersburg in the Free State a man was killed when police opened fire on a crowd trying to burn a development board office. Another died in Howick, Natal.

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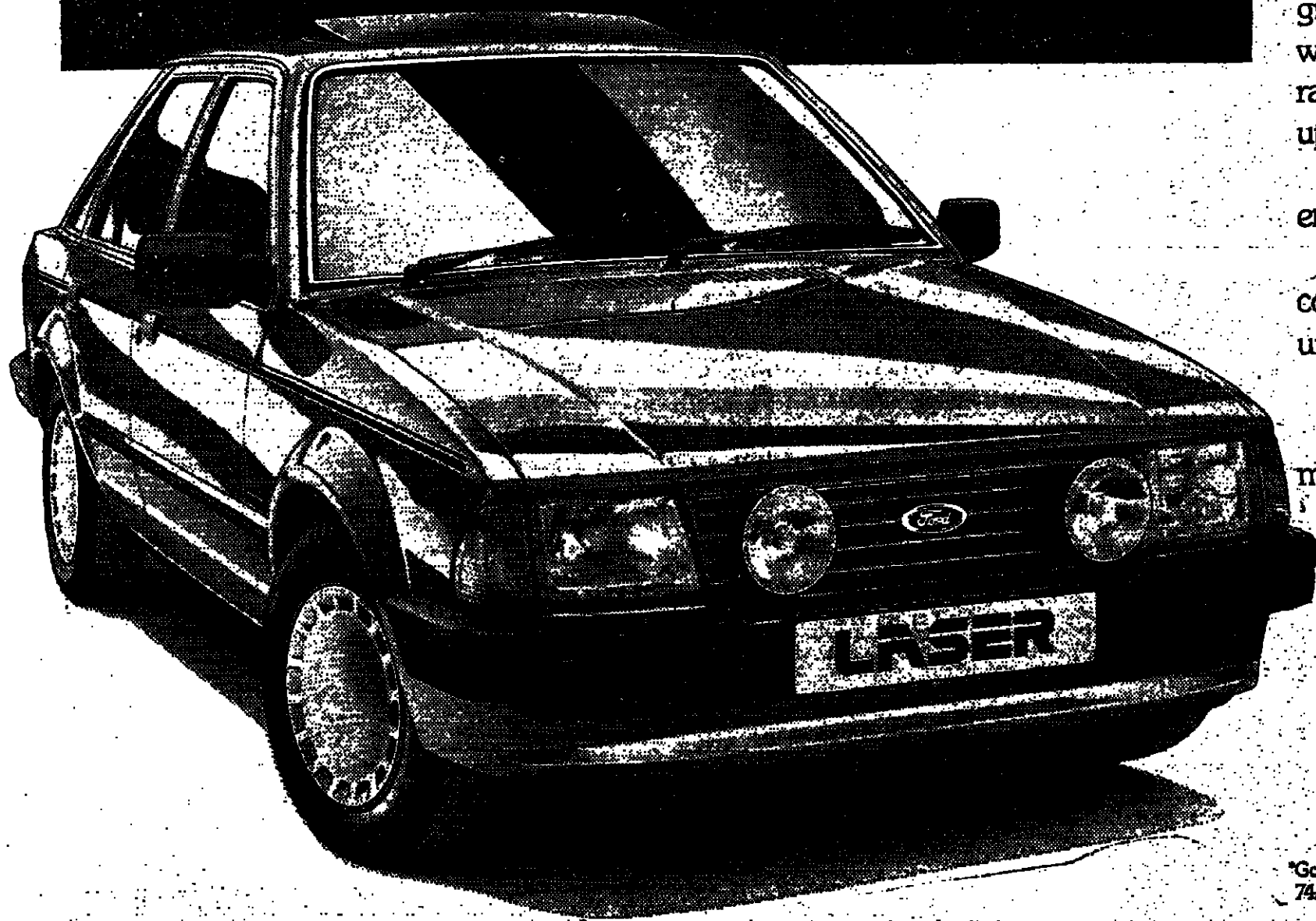
Fiestas have always been fun. None more so than the stylish little Fiesta Dash. With smart tape side stripes, special wheel covers and many other extras included in the price, the Dash is our latest special edition. And today you can get a deal on it.

Or would you prefer a Popular?

Right now with the unique Red Carpet Plan you can drive away a Fiesta Popular, brand new, for just £6652 – because Ford is prepared to pay the first £150 of your initial payment, (based on Cash Price £4038.48 – APR 18.7%). Ask your Ford dealer for the full details.

There's even a highly economical Fiesta diesel that can do up to 74 mpg.* Like the Escort and Orion diesels, it's quiet, efficient and still a nippy little performer.

THE ESCORT DEAL.



There are deals on Escorts. In particular there's this super special edition called the Laser, a model which gives Britain's best selling car even more of an edge.

The Laser II (pictured left) has body coloured grille and distinctive side stripes. Driving lights. Full wheel covers. A tilting sliding sunroof. A four speaker radio/stereo cassette. Adjustable head rests. Special upholstery. A 60/40 split folding rear seat back.

The Laser II is available with 1300 or 1600 engines. And there's an Estate version.

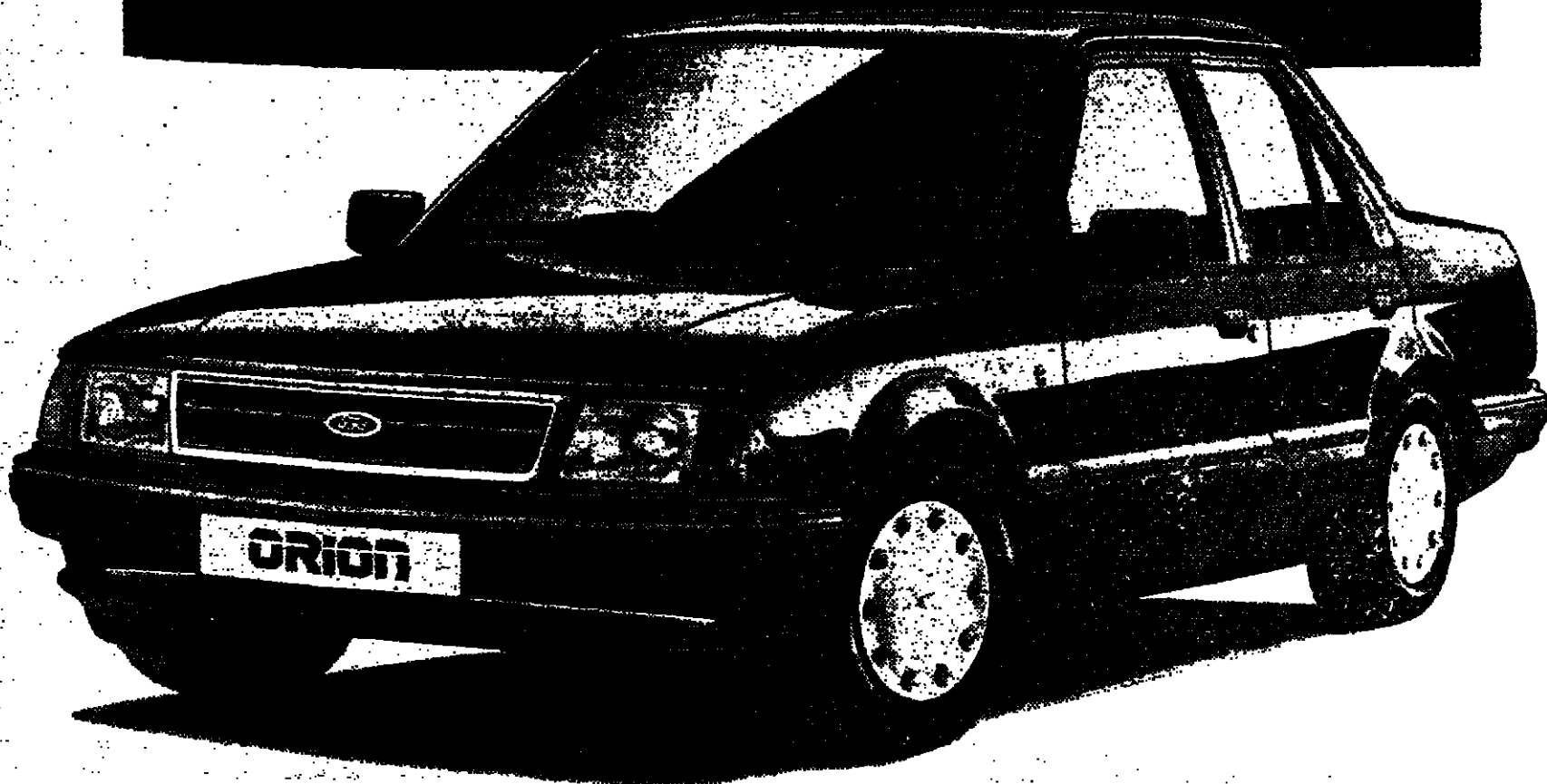
It would be tremendous value even if you couldn't make a deal on it. Now that you can, it's unbeatable.

Except perhaps by another Escort.

A Cabriolet, an RS Turbo, a diesel – whichever model you have in mind, right now you'll find it's easier to buy. Who knows, you might find you can afford a better model than you expected.

*Govt. fuel test figures for Fiesta 1.6 diesel – mpg (litres/100km). Constant 56mph (90kmh) 74.3 (3.8). Constant 75mph (120kmh) 50.4 (5.6). Simulated urban driving 56.5 (5.0).

THE ORION DEAL.



There are deals on Orions too. On everything from the friendly 1600 diesel version to the powerful fuel injected Ghia pictured here.

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But that's for you to decide. They both have a great deal to offer. Just like your Ford dealer.

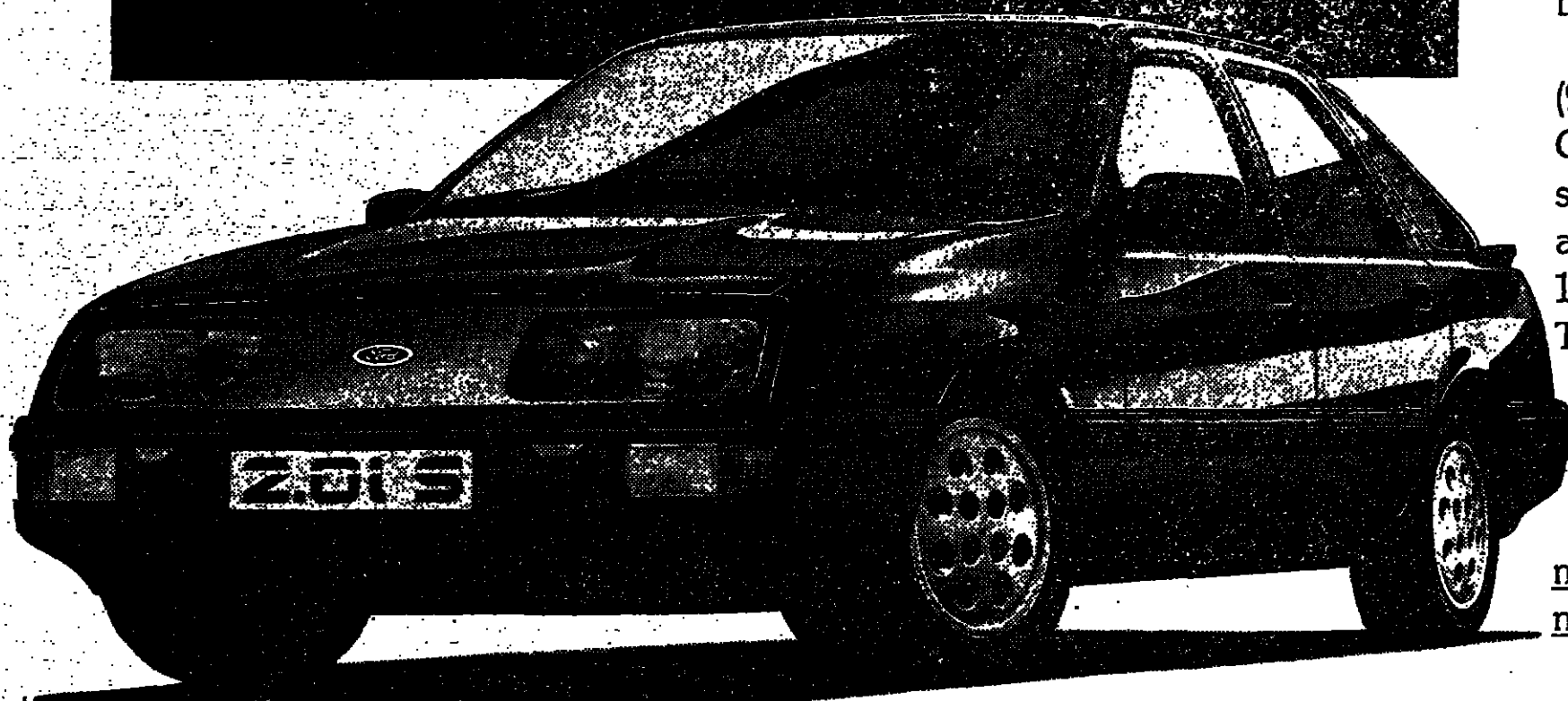
To celebrate the fact that this month we'll be building the millionth Sierra, Ford dealers can offer you a **Sierra Finance Deal 4.9% (9.5% APR) on any model, with only 20% deposit.**

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Women in the Labour party have made their strongest demand yet for equal opportunities in the fight for seats at the next general election. John Cunningham explains.

How WAC made its move to give the men the push

IN A bold move to give more women the chance to fight on the Labour ticket in the next general election, management committees in seats where the candidate is either retiring or has not been re-selected are being urged to choose a replacement from a women-only shortlist.

The demand comes from the Labour Women's Action Committee — appropriately known as WAC — which wants the party's general secretary, Larry Whitty and the leaders of groups within the PLP to press local parties to give women priority in the selection process.

WAC, a campaigning group with some 500 members already claims success in two London seats. Recently, a peace movement activist, Ms Jenny Edwards, won the Labour nomination against

four other women for the Westminster North constituency. The seat is presently held for the Tories on a swingable majority of 1,710 by John Wheeler. Hornsey and Wood Green also has announced that it will exclude men from its list of potential candidates.

In his first major speech in his new job as party boss, Larry Whitty told the National Conference of Labour Women that men holding senior positions in the party might have to be "gently pushed aside" to give women a bigger role.

Last week he received a letter from WAC asking his support for the move to get more women as Westminster candidates. WAC's national organiser, Ann Pettifor, says women should claim ground which is rightfully theirs. But

there is a lot of it to make up. Women constitute 52 per cent of the population. But among Labour's 210 MPs, only 11 are women.

WAC's intervention comes as the party seems set to continue in its inflexible, thoughtless way. In recent months, 158 of the safest Labour seats have chosen candidates — all but 12 are men. Most of the women nominated are already sitting MPs. In fact, there are only four new names. The tougher seats are always left till later, and WAC feels that it is asking no favours in wanting as many women as possible to be put forward.

Campaigns don't come much clearer than WAC's. Maybe it is a bit too kid-gloved. In her letter, Ann Pettifor says she isn't asking for the rules to be changed —

constituency parties should keep their complete freedom to select candidates. Nor will she say a word against Kinnoch. Neither will WAC make a direct appeal to him: "We prefer to work constitutionally through the grassroots," she maintains. "I don't want to get into a slanging match with him, as the black sections are doing."

In fact, Kinnoch seems to be giving WAC as much joy as he is giving blacks. Though their campaigns are on very different lines, both are about winning special treatment for minorities within the party. It is interesting that WAC doesn't set much store by the sections which are reserved for women, and which black activists want extended to them. Kinnoch is, of course, strongly against black sections, and when he spoke at

the National Conference of Labour Women, he avoided all reference to the demand for all-women short-lists.

"During this struggle for equal rights for women in the party, we have not encountered any serious allies among men on the left," says Ann Pettifor. "By serious allies, we mean men who have actually brought about a change or alteration in the party's practice, procedure or constitution, or who have themselves given unconditional support to women as candidates."

What WAC has discovered is how prejudice against women getting to Westminster seems to be cemented into the structure of the party at all levels. Parliament remains a fortress which few Labour women enter, in as much as women them-

selves are responsible, the broad thrust of the women's movement from the late Sixties on did not set much store by Parliamentary representation. Within the party at the moment, there is opposition to WAC from the group Millant Woman (it has one rep, Frances Curran, on the NEC) and not much enthusiasm from Gwyneth Dunwoody MP.

What does stand out, according to WAC, is a feeling among management committees, second nature to their male members, that to choose a woman is to concede defeat before a contest has been fought. "Women have been asked if their husbands approved of their seeking election; they are dismissed as being right-wing; their political reputations are besmirched," says Ann Pettifor.

In the case of would-be candidates for seats in London, there has been an additional obstacle. "Women have not been questioned about their own politics, but about where they stand in relation to John MacDonald and Ken Livingstone."

There have also been dirty tricks departments at work. One of the women short-listed for the Westminster North seat is Diane Abbott, a local councillor. She was interested earlier in Brent East — for which Ken Livingstone is now the candidate. The hard Left attempted to discredit Abbott by forging a document, with her name appended, advocating the abolition of the monarchy and the "elimination" of the present LP leadership.

This forgery was sent to several national newspapers.

Ms Abbott has claimed that Livingstone conceded, when she confronted him about the paper, that possibly some of his supporters had been getting a little over-enthusiastic without his knowledge.

Diane Abbott is still looking for a seat, and WAC has a list of 50 other names of talented hopefuls. There is a battle that should not need to be fought if Labour practised equality internally. WAC is determined that it won't be splintered. "We're a coalition of women who're not divided by the differences which men see as so important," says Ann Pettifor.

The only problem is that after half a century the party doesn't seem ready for them. In the 1983 election, there were 79 women candidates. Whatever their chances next time, WAC wants scores more.



The O'Kitch ad before...

Sticking a woman head-first into a hamburger isn't sexist, reports Isabel Tang.

THE other day, a disgruntled British visitor, eyeing the billboards on the Strasbourg St Denis metro station, announced to her French companion and everyone else within earshot that "the problem with the French is that they're incapable of making an advert without including a pair of bare breasts." It wasn't the first time I've heard the comment from a fellow countrywoman, and it won't be the last time I'll witness the French response, that inimitable Gallic shrug of indifference.

Christian Vial is strategy co-ordinator at Publicis, one of the largest advertising agencies in France. "The problem with you Anglo-Saxons," he says, leaning forward on the sun-drenched desk in his Champs Elysees office, "is that you come over here, see a few naked women and bare breasts and say it's sexist and sexual."

"What you don't understand is that we do not use women in our adverts to be seductive. It's not a sexual thing at all. It's simply our way of portraying feminine beauty. The women are always simple and natural in French advertise-

ments. Now take Anglo-Saxon adverts. They emphasise all the artifices of seduction — high heels, heavy make-up, etc. I find that really sexually vulgar. The concept of woman as an object, or woman as the seductress, has long since disappeared in France."

Christian Vial also readily explained why it's always the women and not the men who appear naked. "It's just that a woman's personality can be expressed better that way. The femininity is always more apparent if she is nude than if you just see her face..."

It's not only the nudity that raises British eyebrows. It's the coquetry and the submissiveness of the female images. It's the infantile helplessness, the suggestive pliability. It's the implicit sexual violence echoed in recurrent themes of bondage.

But, not surprisingly, Christian Vial is opposed to the idea of any form of legal censorship or regulation. "We're professionals and we're adults and we're addressing an autonomous and mature population. Self-censorship is quite sufficient. Of course, there are some

feminist organisations which seek to protect a section of the population which is less autonomous and less mature..."

Anne Zelensky, the founder of one such feminist organisation, La Ligue du Droit des Femmes, insists that the problem with self-censorship is that it does not always work. When I visited her in the small apartment she uses as an office, she rattled off a number of examples of recent advertising campaigns to demonstrate that the net of self-censorship has some remarkably large holes. Included in her list was the advert for the O'Kitch hamburger chain which appeared in all the Parisian metro stations a couple of months ago. It was an image of a woman stuffed head first into a giant hamburger with stockings legs splayed apart; all suspender belt, high heels and crotch. "When I saw that advert," she recalls, "I was nauseated. I felt sick to the core."

The full story of the "woman hamburger" advertisement is, in fact, quite a revealing one. The BVF, Le Bureau de Verification de la



Bunny man: anti-sexist image created by the Ligue du Droit des Femmes



...and after it was censored

It's simply the French way of portraying feminine beauty in advertisements on the metro

Publicis, the professional body which seeks to maintain advertising standards, received a petition, signed by 150 people, protesting against the advert. "It was very unusual," says Martine Lenglet at the BVF, which is more often concerned with ensuring the veracity of advertising claims. "We had never received a petition like it before. We wrote to the advertising agency in question suggesting they find something other than a woman's legs to sell their hamburgers."

Despite the fact that advertisers subscribe to the BVF on a purely voluntary basis and would be perfectly within their legal rights to refuse the recommendations of the BVF, the agency complied and the advertising campaign was called off.

A victory for feminism? Well, not quite. People wrote to the BVF with the complaint that the woman hamburger was distasteful and vulgar. No one suggested that it might be degrading to, or exploitative of, women. It just wasn't thought nice. It was *malsaine*. You couldn't put it on your coffee table. "Most of our

complaints," explains Martine Lenglet, "come from Mr and Mrs Average who are affronted by certain images they deem out of place in public places."

The current muteness of specifically feminist criticism, as opposed to the occasional outspokenness of bruised petit bourgeois sensibilities, dates back to 1983. It was then that the feminists suffered a setback from which they have never recovered. In March 1983 Yvette Roudy, French minister for women's rights, under the impetus of La Ligue du Droit des Femmes, proposed an anti-sexism law, tackling sexism in advertising.

The bill sought to protect the dignity of women, by making it illegal to publish images inciting hatred, violence, scorn or discrimination against women. Based as it was on precisely the same principles as the uncontroversial anti-racist legislation in France, a smooth passage was expected. "We just weren't prepared at all for the outraged reaction, which was nothing short of hysteria," remembers Anne Zelensky, (whose Ligue du Droit des

Femmes produced its famous man-in-a-bunny-girl suit poster to win over support for the bill).

Advertisers, journalists and intellectuals banded together and created such a outcry that the political parents of the bill were obliged to abort it.

"It was fear of castration," asserts Anne Zelensky, seeking to explain the intensity of the protests. "It was the first time in French history that women were literally trying to lay down the law. The first time they were daring to interfere with male fantasies. The men could not stand it."

Despite the spirited talk two years after the fledgling bill was crushed, so convincingly by its opposition, the feminists are keeping a low profile.

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WHY do 2.3 million women read Cosmopolitan every month? Because it provides precisely the humanity, inspiration and help that Roger Knight negates (July 4). No one can better speak on behalf of Cosmopolitan than the Cosmopolitan reader herself... unless Mr Knight would venture that all 2.3 million of them are emotionally and morally illiterate, too. After attending Anne Dickson's sexuality seminar, one woman wrote to say "Deep-seated worries were brought to the surface and then dealt with in a most positive way. It was also very comforting to hear that other women also have sex 'problems'."

Another commented: "It felt so good and healthy to be able to share one another's fears and concerns with others who are so supportive."

And another: "If I was somewhat apprehensive at first, my anxieties were soon dispelled by Anne Dickson's sensitive, intelligent approach." Sensitive. Intelligent. Is that what Mr Knight means by a "shallow disregard for what 'human' really means"?

The language of Cosmopolitan is not "ugly," merely one that Roger Knight fails to comprehend. If Roger Knight and more men like him did understand, perhaps there would be no need for the compassionate writings of Tom Crabtree, Irma Kurtz or Anne Dickson... or at least not on those subjects for which he particularly berates us.

Cosmopolitan is all about caring, sharing and feelings in a language that many women relate to. So it is not surprising that Cosmopolitan doesn't conform to "English" as Roger Knight would define it. He speaks the Man-made Language that Dale Spender exposes so accurately in her book of the same name.

Linda Kelsey, Editor, Cosmopolitan, London W1.

Uphill shopping
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ARTS GUARDIAN

Reviews in brief

'We're not politicians, we are film-makers. we have to show people the squalor'

Callas. Barbican Theatre, Plymouth. The Barbican is completely refurbished, with more seats, and an enlarged stage area. The stage has been lowered to the floor level and the seats are raked. The new theatre promises to be a suitable venue for fringe and small-scale shows; but with a stage big enough for dance events, Callas, Paul Chand, is an impressive look at the life of the great opera singer. The performance is a fine performance in the lead role, well supported by Leslie Glazer as her husband and business manager Battista.

This is an interesting production by John Dore but the play does not dig deep enough into the complicated personality of Callas, and Jill Steward is too often left emoting while the Callas voice fills the auditorium. Allen Sandler.

Masterpieces. Sherman Arena Company, Cardiff. Masterpieces has become a sort of feminist rallying call, an unmitigated attack on so much patriarchal society or even sexual inequality but maleness itself. It's a disappointing piece because it could be so much more forceful if it didn't descend so easily into cliché and stereotyping.

It needs perhaps a sharper production than John Taggart's for the Sherman Arena Company, and a more convincing range of performances than the cast offer. Sarah Daniels's script does pose problems, though. Her single-mindedness of the supremacy of oppression, wit and humane women over offensive, stupid and insensitive men abounds in quite crass writing and impossible portrayals.

What's annoying is that there are also some telling, hilarious lines and bits of characterisation that are good, and any cast must find it difficult to make much of the play seem anything more than naked ideology, and unconvincing stuff at that. The play reduces complexities of relationships and personal to polarised sexual positions; that does the subject and a sympathetic audience a disservice. David Adams.

The Dutch Courtesan. Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. John Marston's Jacobean comedy doesn't too often poke its metropolitan nose out of the borders. Perhaps the reason is that the jokes, not to mention the sheer weight of verbiage, go on rather too long. But the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, taking over the New Vic Studio, play it all with some beefy energy, style—full of vaudeville (a Barber's sketch), hazardous athleticism and an ability to hold on to the shafts of genuine wit. The canvas is wide and complicated enough to tolerate and challenge talented drama students like these. Richard Howard, as director, is on this evidence one of the stars. Some of the words are rushed, however, even lost completely. But there are half a dozen superb performances, especially the swagging comic con-man of Neville Watkiss and the twittering lusty mistress Mulligra of Jill Brasington. David Foot.

Little Arrow. The Drum, Plymouth. Largely unnoticed and unreviewed, this theatre group are touring the country with insidious propaganda for ecology and peace. In Little Arrow the Polka Company seems to be making a case for vegetarianism. The lead is an Indian brave who failed to graduate because he cannot kill animals for the pot. Friendly snakes and even wild cats are let off the hook and he makes a bosom pal of a grizzly bear. The rub is that all he is left to fight are members of the warlike next tribe, who have Mohican haircuts and very short Polka play with large puppets and full scale costumed animals. There is a lot of excitement of the "look behind you" variety, and the actors are adept at getting the young audience to join in. Theatre for children of this quality, will, hopefully, build the theatre audience of the future. Polka take the job seriously, without even a hint of a tongue in the cheek. Allen Sandler.

THE FILMS of Karl Francis challenge the accepted conventions of documentary film-making and have earned the 42-year-old son of a South Wales miner increasing recognition for creating an eloquent and provocative style, uncomfortably resistant to convenient pigeonholing, which he terms documentary-narrative.

His latest film, *Ms Rhymney Valley '83*, to be shown on BBC2 at 9.0 tomorrow, portrays a South Wales mining community during the strike, focusing particularly on the changing role of the women in the domestic and political consciousness thrown up by the threat of extinction and, like much of Francis's work, threatening normal expectations by employing techniques more associated with drama while using real people in real situations.

"What I do is to explore the situation as it happens and then re-explore it several more times," he says. "It's a bit difficult to explain but I do think it is a more honest reflection of reality. There is a form of scripting that goes on but it is not a conventional one. It's much closer to the work of, say, Les Blair or possibly Mike Leigh, except what they do is to get actors to learn roles. What I do is to take people who are living their lives and get them to be themselves. I'm not saying I don't ask people to say things in film but it is always things they said the previous day or the previous year."

The death of a taxi driver taking a strike breaker to work and the announcement of the Bedwas Colliery during filming form major landmarks in *Ms Rhymney Valley*, while on a smaller, more intimate scale, two unconnected events, a birth and the potential continuity nightmare of a blizzard, are combined in one sequence in which Francis allows music to heighten the emotional tone.

Trust and a determination never to be mocking are

the vital factors in Francis's relationship with his "characters." (He was born in Bedwas and *Ms Rhymney Valley* is the third in a trilogy set in his home community, following *Above Us The Earth* and *Rough Justice*. It is this which puts the lie to the not-uncommon accusations of manipulation which come his way.

He is very much an insider looking out and has little time for film-makers coming into a community with a more anthropological approach, chipping away a bit here and a bit there and saying "oh look, here's a miner." His opinion of some television news crews is even lower. They are guilty of "just playing the game, playing



The television coverage of the miners' strike provoked Karl Francis (left) into making his own film. He talked about it to Geoff King

in the steps of Christopher Reeve. Al Pacino and Claudette Colbert, his arrival is not a metacritical device by a savvy producer. He was chosen for the part by the play's director, Harold Pinter, after an audition. Anyway, he did not originally come to England with both eyes and he played the main character in West Coast movies.

After giving up the idea of being a footballer and going instead to university to read economics, Beck came to England to study drama. He had heard they were the best. And when he emerged he happily went straight to Frinton-on-Sea in weekly rep followed by similar stuff in Aberystwyth and touring Burnley church halls, appearing in plays which he longed to the antique English past — *Rookery Nook* and *The Ghost Train* and all that.

Only homesickness sent him back to America and next to the deep South for long either. My family must have died when I arrived back — my accent, my manner. But they never said anything. For months he readjusted to his new life in America, finally appearing in the office of an American casting director he had met in London. "She started calling all the agents about me. It was like a 1940s movie."

And so he played his card marked English Theatre and Frinton-on-Sea. The movies claimed him at once. The hankering for theatre remained and when he heard that Harold Pinter was New York casting for *Sweet Bird* he flew from Los Angeles overnight after filming and arrived jet lagged on the East Coast to audition with Laurence Bacall. And, yes, he had heard about Michael Beck's reputation for not suffering fools gladly and telling them so. But, and he clearly speaks as an actor up to his eyebrows in admiration for the lady, she is apparently just one of those performers who "gets pissed off with unprofessionalism."

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Nicholas de Jongh meets Lauren Bacall's leading man

A Frinton warrior returns

EVEN in some of the sharpest, most sophisticated echelons of the American entertainment industry there are still people who can be convinced that acting in Frinton-on-Sea is almost as glorious as being a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

And that's one reason why Michael Beck's five years in England, dispensing with everything American about himself, shedding his accent, passing as an Englishman, has proved so worthwhile. For when he went home in the mid-70s after training at the Central School here and working in the deepest backwoods of the English repertory company system, there were powerful figures in America who could be persuaded that he had virtually left stardom behind him. "I played it for all it was worth and I think it carried weight," Beck says now, and it worked.

But this 36-year-old film star, who was made by his role as the gang leader in *The Warriors*, Walter Hill's cult movie about gang warfare in New York, returns for his London stage debut tonight as a thoroughgoing American: he is Lauren Bacall's doomed object of desire, Chance Wayne, the gigolo afraid at 29 of losing his soul in Tennessee Williams' *Sweet Bird of Youth*. And, what is more, his will be the one voice which genuinely belongs where the play is set — in the primitive deep South of America.

Beck was born in Tennessee, brought up in Tennessee. "Deep South manners are very English," he says. "Nineteenth century Victorian manners. And the way he explains how the South clung to the past slowly adjusting to the late 20th century reminds you that Tennessee Williams's theatrical reports are accurate and unadorned."

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COVENT GARDEN
Tom Sutcliffe

Macbeth

THE Royal Opera bring the season to an end with an absolutely stunning revival of *Macbeth*, superbly and magnificently conducted by Edward Downes, and the production by Elijah Moshinsky partly rethought and tightened up to wonderful effect. The fighting board went on the blink on Saturday, but with such singing (not least from the chorus, who are now on terrific form) and playing, and such dignified yet expressive, concentrated acting from the principals — on whom Moshinsky's staging places its unwavering emphasis — the rough lighting scarcely mattered.

Renato Brusson's *Macbeth* can scarcely be bettered. It's not just the voice, so technically assured, so beautifully yet ominously, the acting is traditionally stylised, but economical and amazingly effective, hands expressive, brow knitted, the noble frame tellingly floored (whether by the witches' rituals, or the imagined sight of Banquo, or simply the consciousness of evil).

The decline that Verdi never registers so blackly as Shakespeare, about which Verdi shows an almost classical restraint, is brilliantly drawn by Brusson — giving drama as the opera does to a more emphatic dawn of optimism than Shakespeare allowed. Brusson's performance has grown immeasurably more powerful since this production was new in 1981.

His Lady Macbeth is the thrilling Ghena Dimitrova, unbridled in her vocal power, commanding the entire performance when she should (as in the finale to act 1) with a tone like the

RONNIE SCOTT'S
Adam Sweeting

Simply Red

SOUL music has always suggested words like "emotion," "sensuality" and "authenticity." Certainly the best soul musicians have been intuitively in touch with all these things, but their latter-day imitators often find themselves tinkering with the trappings while the spirit eludes capture.

Simply Red come from Manchester, and have been conceived as a vehicle for the intermittently impressive voice of "Red" Mick Hucknall. Their version of the Valentines' *Brothers' Mon-*

has been widely acclaimed, although its merely attractive when it should be downright lethal, and a packed Ronnie Scott's listened attentively to their live performance, although at the end of the night the band had not done enough to fulfil expectations.

The feisty, carrot-haired Hucknall has obviously worn out several collections of Al Green records, and while some of his infectious and controlled falsetto passages bring fond recollections of the Rev. Green to mind, Hucknall can't compete for sustained inspiration nor for sheer sexuality.

Simply Red's least endearing trait is a fatal woodenness of rhythm. Several attempts to generate funk were lacking crucial exuberance and elasticity — Valentine, for instance, and though they'd loosened up a bit by the end, it was difficult not to think of the dogged but doomed Kevin Current on the Centre Court.

Still, they lifted their game a couple of notches for Money's *Too Tight*, which they enjoyed so much they played it twice. Their gospelised version of Talking Heads' *Heaven* made an interesting diversion, too. But overall one felt that this was a band which still has some growing to do. Come back in six months.

ST GILES; CRIPPLEGATE
Hugh Canning

Consort of Musick

ONLY half a century ago Monteverdi was a name known primarily to historians, a composer of those distant dark ages before music "began" with Bach and

Handel. It is one of the great achievements of the early music boom of the last twenty years that now he can be heard in his true historical context, a product of the late Italian renaissance who built bridges over to the High Baroque.

This week, in a series of City of London Festival lunchtime concerts it will be fascinating to examine Monteverdi, by courtesy of the delightfully companionable Consort of Musick, in the light of his contemporaries. Every day until Friday, Anthony Rooley's group of Renaissance specialists will give anthologies of virtuosic madrigals culminating in perhaps the greatest of Monteverdi's younger disciples, the enigmatic and highly individualistic Sigismondo d'India, whose florid chromatic solo settings are rather more familiar than his consort music.

The centre-piece of the opening programme, though, devoted entirely to the Master of Cremona, was the exquisite *Nymph's Lament*, one of the very few Monteverdi madrigals in a still representative "in" — in other words semi-staged with, one assumes, minimal decor and gesture. The Consort paid lip-service to the genre by introducing an element of action in the performance whereby Emma Kirkby poured out the abandoned nymph's grief both musically and histrionically.

Flanking this dramatic miniature, Rooley selected ten madrigals amorosi, five each from the fourth and fifth books, which demonstrated the astonishing breadth of Monteverdi's genius, from the self-mocking repetition of *Alas*, in *Ohime se tanto amate* (Alas, if you take such pleasure from the word) to the sexual imagery of *Si ch'io vorrei morire* (Yes, I should like to die) where the verbal obsession with the tongue and the musical simulation of lovers' gasps, evoke a vivid picture of the carnal delights of renaissance man and woman.

cowboys and Indians" and it was his anger at the extensive coverage given to picket-line violence out of all proportion to the reality he knew which partly provoked him into making the film.

He explored the whole problem of attempting to break away from this "game" outlook and not fitting easily into existing programme structures in the largely autobiographical *Giro City* (1982), his best-known and on the surface most conventionally dramatic film to date, which questioned varying levels of interference imposed from both outside and in television. It was based partly on his own World experiences directing the on-the-run interview with David O'Connell, the political head of the IRA, in 1972. Another programme within the BBC was hit by the sub-judice staple, which, coming back full-circle, created considerable problems with parts of *Ms Rhymney Valley*.

There have been suggestions that more overt and politically-inspired

pressures were put on the film, which was initially scheduled for transmission when the strike was barely ended in March. Francis rejects this emphatically. "There were no political cuts," he stresses. "I want to make that absolutely clear. I did not compromise an inch on *Ms Rhymney Valley* although I had to make some changes because the film originally ran for two hours and had been commissioned at 90 minutes."

At the same time he has no illusions about the position of the BBC. "It is quite obvious that there was a dialogue about my film at Number 10, at a minor level I dare say, because of the publicity it had. There is a political game being played at that end. If the price of the licence fee was being raised to the government and the coal board it's time the BBC expressed its genuine independence and told them to get stuffed."

"As film-makers we have a responsibility to people to capture their contemporary history, the pain and the suf-

fering through go, the devastation, the playment. And enough to wrap it up, come like Shelley, enough to do it as documentary saying he are in the village."

"We're not politicians, we're film-makers and we have to show people the squalor in which they live — with humour, in my view, because I like humour, there's a lot of humour in darkness... but that humour is born out of poverty rather than unhappiness."

"We don't use film often enough as a weapon of controversy. We're afraid of it because it's powerful and we have kidded ourselves that audiences don't want it. So we end up with slushy musicals like the Killing Fields, a decent enough film within that genre but I think that genre is suspect."

GALLERIES BRIEFING

Kenneth Martin (Serpentine Gallery, until August 4). The death of Kenneth Martin last year robbed England of one of its finest abstract painters since Ben Nicholson. This selection of paintings covers 1970 to 1984, with emphasis on the later work. I preferred the pictures from the first half of the show when Martin's sparse, balanced geometry seems to soar and float on the canvas.

English Caricature (V & A, until September 1). This fascinating show heaves with vindictive humour, good old fashioned rudeness, spite, anger and all the other essential qualities of good caricature. Even the most energetic of our modern cartoonists — Scarfe, Bell — seem tame in comparison to the anonymous lambs and celebratory masters of the past. As usual at the V & A the organisation and design of the exhibition is a mess so the best way round is to follow your nose. Canaletto (Agnew's 3 Old Bond St, until July 18). Canaletto's short stay in Britain resulted in a handful of intriguing landscapes, the best of which were produced at Warwick Castle. For once Canaletto stopped trying to make England look like Venice and transformed himself into a passable lover of the British countryside. The best of these Warwick pictures has gone on show at Agnew's and has not been exhibited since 1952. Other single paintings not to be missed in London at the moment are El Greco's magical view of Toledo, which can be seen at the National Gallery, has been extended to July 26, and Degas' celebrated *Asinthe Drinker*, on show at the Courtauld Institute Galleries until September 2.

Outside London
Victor Pasmore (Museum des Beaux-Arts, Calais, until October 22). Within walking distance of the station, the Calais Museum has mounted a show of early Pasmore's 1940-47, which looks splendid in the catalogue, and is after all only a short trip across the Channel away.

Last chance
Edward Lear (Royal Academy, until July 14). An engrossing exhibition which tries valiantly to present Lear as much more than a mere nonsense writer. His bird paintings are stunning, his landscapes of Egypt and India, low, moody and claustrophobic. Everywhere you look an inner darkness can be seen trying to poke through the jovial surfaces.

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Easy riders

LOUELLA Hanbury-Tenison sat outside a French phone box holding two horses. Inside Robin, her husband, was phoning over a piece for *Woman's Hour* about their intention of riding them from the Camague to Cornwall. "What about their poor feet?" asked Sue MacGregor, phoning in to ask if she could tell she was British. Anyone else would have asked about the Hanbury-Tenison's poor bottoms.

Dick Turpin got less publicity. Paul Revere could have taken tips from Robin Hanbury-Tenison who could be observed taping his impressions of the ride and pressing leaflets about it on the locals ("Un souvenir, Madame"). Meanwhile the BBC dogged their noes and the result, *White Horse* (BBC-2), already seen in the south west is being repeated nationally on three successive nights.

One of the horses almost sabotaged their plans by getting strangled ("I'll eat him! If he mangle pas tres bien!") so they rested a while at Mrs Hanbury-Tenison's cousin's house ("Actually it's a twelfth century chateau"). The cousin turned out to be David Ogilvy, famous for his snob appeal ads, who lives there in unparalleled splendour and entertained them with a hunting chorus on, I imagine, French horns.

French drivers were, they found, unsympathetic to riders, tending if anything to accelerate and foot their horns ("Etouffez!") but the food was delicious ("Des croissants? Du chocolat?") the Daily Telegraph was always available ("Toast to Prince Harry!") so it was to horse ("A cheval!") and onto the chateau of another cousin.

Festooned with last minute purchases of French bread, garlic and onions, they were refused passage on the ferry ("Eet ees ver' dangerous") because the sea was too rough. However, as Mrs Hanbury-Tenison explained, can't be sick. That is not my experience. They get the nastiest sounding ailments — strangles and seedy toe, boggy hock and bott fly, polli evill and much fever — some of them fatal and all of them expensive. And one, Monday morning disease, which is also found in television crick with very little to write about.

I am puzzled — now and

then you know, it doesn't keep me awake at nights — by the fact that whenever David played the harp to Saul, Saul tried to pin him to the wall with a javelin. Perhaps the Bishop of Durham could throw some light on this: I would cross the Atlantic to avoid a harpist, outstandingly savage women in my experience, but even so Saul's reaction seems excessive. When Saul's javelin whistled through the strings for the third time as David struck up that all-time favourite the 23rd Psalm, he took the hint, his harp and hopped it.

I believe — Dr Jenkins will correct me if I am wrong — that all this was an early version of that familiar phenomenon, The Royal Command Performance, *Gala or Glittering Extravaganza* in

aid of the Jericho Disaster Fund. King Saul, being a mark of the Royal Command Performance, had not learned the stoicism so necessary to a modern monarch who regularly has to sit through stuff twice as long as Macbeth and only half as funny for obscure good causes.

A Royal Gala performance (BBC 1) which went on for hours and hours was in aid of the XIII Commonwealth Games Appeal Fund. As Tessa Sanderson waved her way across the stage among assorted athletes most of whom we know better in their knickers. I thought what an easy throw it would be from the Royal Box to the microphone.

I cannot commend Linda Evans of *Dynasty* too highly. She neither sang nor danced nor told us the one about Scotsman and the sporan she did not play the harp. She stood there shimmering in her coming-down-to-breakfast sheath of sequins looking just as she does on telly. Of course, she was on telly.

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am sure this also applies to
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Most of us are gentle people,
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of us have children of our
own. Please, Forum readers,
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Barbara Fleming.
Hereford.

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A Refuge in Spittle-Fields, 300 years of Scotland. Talks with costumes, slides, puzzle sheets. Workshops including painting, textile, clay modelling, soap carving, screen, lino and fabric printing, paper-making, music, drama, cooking, for over seven, at 10 and at Tuesday to Saturday (arrive early). Younger visitors must be accompanied by an adult. July 28-August 31. Free. More details: 01-730 9880. (Kingsland Road, E23).

Horniman Museum
Workshops in arts and crafts - paper, spinning, glove puppets, bark painting, mask and head-dress making, also "stones" which could be dinosaurs or North American Indian, eight to eighteen. July 22-August 31, except Sundays and bank holiday, at 10.30 and 1.30, first free get in Free. Write (see) for programme.

Also Shadow Puppet Theatre, making puppets, improvising a show, eight to twelve, August 5-7, 25. International Folk Dance, eight to twelve, August 6-8, 22. Masks Old and New, writers' workshops, August 26-30. Also dance bookings in advance. (London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3FO).

London Transport Museum
Families, outside, free, with model railway and car racing, table soccer, a games bus, police display including patrol cars, finger-printing, mounted police, August 17/18. Otherwise operating tram layout August 24-28 and throughout holidays, current London Transport at War Exhibition with videos of First World War participants, of Second World War shelters in Underground stations, and illustrations of the massive evacuation of school children. Adult £2.20, child £1. (Coveat Garden).

Museum of Childhood
Events for children. Make a soft toy or doll Tuesday, a national costume paper doll Wednesday, hear a talk about dolls of different kinds, styles, countries, Thursday, July 23, August 20, starting at 2.30. Free. Also Story and Charlie Brown celebrate 35 years of humour, collection of original drawings for Peanuts plus dolls and objects, till September 1. (Cambridge Heath Road, E23).

Museum of London
Family programme July 30-August 11, starting with a medieval day July 30 including a talk at noon, a two hour walk at 2 pm or children's workshop with practical sessions for eight up to ten years old. Tickets for which tickets needed in advance - a session from 2.30 on the medieval kitchen, equipment, recipes. August 11, August 23, August 24, August 25, August 26, August 27, August 28, August 29, August 30, August 31. Free. (London Wall, EC2V).

Museum of Mankind
Indians, examine the artefacts and try to create similar. August 10-23; try the same with the crafts of the Inuit Eskimos, August 24-30. Also films and slide talks. For seven to 12-year-olds. (Burlington Gardens, W1).

National Army Museum
Golden Jubilee of British Model Soldier Society - mostly model making, but also art activities, wargaming, and films with military themes in annual events for eight upwards August 1-23. Free but registration required with s.a.s. (Koyal Hospital Road, SW3 4HT).

National Gallery
The Writing on the Wall, is the theme to the quiz, infant, junior and senior versions, requires answers about writers portrayed; the competition gives the chance to write in any form about the Gallery picture of your choice, till September 1. Workshops in August include special guided tours for children with titles like Eyes Write, starting at 2.30. Tuesday and Thursday talks and readings for families by well-known authors and illustrators of children's stories, starting at 3 pm. Free (Trafalgar Square, WC2).

National Portrait Gallery
Identity, disguise yourself (take materials, otherwise available) and record changes in four stages using a photobooth. Results will form a massive photographic collage. Eighty upwards. July 15-August 25. Wednesday to Saturday, at 2 pm. Free. (St Martins Place, WC2).

Ranger's House
Admiral Hoxier's Ghost, eighteenth-century resident rediscovered through music, drama, dance, clay modelling, outings, culminating in a performance, Sunday, August 11, 2 pm. Tickets £1.50. Free except for cooking and optional ILEA Centre for Learning Resources, 275 Kensington Lane, SE11 5QZ. (Chesterfield Walk, SE10).

Science Museum
Fast and furious on experiments and demonstrations for all ages to explore, investigate, enjoy, being prototypes for Launch Pad, a major new development, August 1-31, except Sundays. Tooty Teachers children's quiz on dentistry, weekly



Rubberface and friend: The Barbican Centre, July 28-August 4

prizes, July 29-September 1. Great Railway Journeys of the World, films, various dates between July 12-August 31, 3 pm. Detailed programme available. (South Kensington, SW7).

THEATRE, FILMS, SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS

Barbican Centre
Summer in the City, annual family festival, July 28-August 4. Two children's concerts, Barbara the Elephant, Peter and the Wolf, Richard Stille, August 2, 2 pm. Tickets £1.50. Free except for cooking and optional ILEA Centre for Learning Resources, 275 Kensington Lane, SE11 5QZ. (Chesterfield Walk, SE10).

Bubble Theatre Company
Out of the Video Box, meaning an adventure through the video screen when Alice, playing with the computer, meets such as Peckham, and various special effects. For five to eleven, July 22-September 7, week by week in Clapham Common, Walpole Park, 4.30. Tickets £1.50. Free except for cooking and optional ILEA Centre for Learning Resources, 275 Kensington Lane, SE11 5QZ. (Chesterfield Walk, SE10).

Fun with Music
Life of Handel and the Water Music, on the Thames, tracing the journey as it was originally performed with Ann Bachlin as narrator in this 300th birthday celebration. For seven to eleven, July 22, 25, August 20, 22, from Lambeth Pier. Adult £4.50, child £3.50. Book 01-722 8828 (2 Queensmead, St John's Wood Park, NW8 6RE).

Institute of Contemporary Arts
Children's Cinema: theme MANGA! meaning in Japanese "animated cartoon". English versions of Dr Oompa Te-suke. Space Firebird about babies born in glass tubes, one going through many space adventures but returning to earth to plant it with fresh vegetation, new earth born from old, July 19/14. Then series including fairy tales, comedies and the favourite The Mouse and His Child, weekends to September 1 at 3 pm. Adult, child, including free membership of Cinema Club. (The Mall, SW1).

National Book League
Children's Books of the Year, some 250 exhibited in the family show August 2-10, with a gallery transformed into a beach with Punch and Judy, deck chairs, etc. Authors, illustrators present daily activities including craft sessions, storytelling from 2.30 pm. For details of events suitable for various age levels, telephone 01-870 9055 or send s.a.s. NBL Book House, 45 East Hill, SW18 3QZ.

National Film Theatre
Junior NPT. BAK Bandits, July 12/14; Hammers of the Deep (a girl in the lead role), July 20; Close Encounters of the Third Kind, July 21; The Starfighter (teenager whisked into outer space war), July 22/23; Spider-Man, August 3; Golden Seal, boy defending a forest, August 4; Secret of NIMH, following adventures of female field-mouse, August 10; Star Trek, August 17; Caravan of Courage, August 18; Ewoks, August 18; Romancing the Stone, a crocodile paced adventure, August 24 and 26; and A Kid for Two, featuring Red Riding Hood, starting 1.30, unstarred big cats, August 31. Some films start at 3.30 but the majority about

4 pm. For seven upwards. Open to public, adults must be accompanied by a child, £2.50 adult, £1.25 child. (South Bank, SE1).

National Theatre
South Bank Splash, Punch and Judy, story-telling from many countries, workshops in puppets, circus skills, music making, July 13-August 11, most 1 pm. For older children varied programme of music at 6 pm. Free. Leaflet with details available. (South Bank, SE1 9PX).

Picketts Lock Centre
Daily fun sessions, Konkord Kastle, table tennis, roller skating, swimming, July 20-September 4, at 2 pm. Coaching sessions in four sports for ten to sixteen, July 29-August 1 to 10 am, 5 pm. Also entertaining with work on weaving, magic and circus skills. Fridays in August starting at noon and/or 1.30, £1 each. Booking not necessary, but bookings needed for range of sports courses. For five to sixteen, learn to swim, two weeks £10, others £5 week. Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, N9.

Pole Children's Theatre
Marathon Madness, most moving show for six to eleven, Major Mustard for under fives, July 30 to August 3; David Wood Magic and Music Show for five to nine, August 6-10; Jungle Jinks, puppets for seven to eleven, and Puppets for five to nine, August 13-17; Mr Punch Pastimes for five to nine, August 20-24; Little Mermaid puppets for over fives, South Bank shadow puppets for under fives, August 25-31. All daytime. Adult £2, child £2, under-fives shows £2 and £2.50. Also family workshops in Indian dance with Shikamuri, August 10 at 2 pm. Adult £2, child £2, and Circus Skills, August 20-22, for five to nine, August 20-22, £12. Bookings always necessary. (210 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19: 01-495 4955).

Queen Elizabeth Hall
South Bank Summer Kids, Dappari group, African dance and drumming, August 27, also free workshop sessions in foyer each day at 3 pm. Suitable fives to twelve. Lewtrot Puppet Theatre, featuring Red Riding Hood, and Siege of Troy, for six to eleven, August 28, Magical Sounds of the Guitar, explored

and explained, August 30. Performances at 5.30. Adult £2.50, child £1.50. (South Bank, SE1).

South Bank
Children's Day, August 18 from noon. GLC sponsored event for all the family in County Hall Gardens and all along the South Bank riverside walkway including concert hall, National Theatre, National Film Theatre, Cinema, puppets, disco, inflatable games groups, circus, water play, horse rides, go-carts, mobile zoo, competitions, more. Free.

Victoria Road Transfer Station
What happens to all those cartons, cans, packets, old shoes, discarded into huge piles at the Open Day of this modern "waste transfer" centre, August 25 from 11 am to 6 pm. Free. (Victoria Road, Underground station).

RESOURCES

Children's London, resource message on what, where, when, how much. Tel. 01-940 8007.

Kidsline, personal service you can express interests, find out where to pursue, or ask ideas, July 22 to August 24, weekdays 9 am to 4 pm. Tel. 01-222 8970.

Holiday Fun ILEA's children's of London, aircraft to look with details and a centre section on specific Borough events, the tribune to primary school, eight Boroughs. Free. Free space gets lost check libraries.

What's On for Youngsters, children's entertainment and facilities in GLC parks, open spaces, historic sites, from adventure playgrounds to where to eat. Free with footpath as from Information Office, Dept. of Social Services, GLC, County Hall, SE1.

LANCASHIRE POLYTECHNIC AT PRESTON

Library and Learning Resources Service

Polytechnic Librarian
(Ref. AA/256)

Burnham Head of Department Grade VI £17,397 to £17,597 (under review)

The honorary title of Professor may be awarded to the successful candidate.

Faculty of Business and Management

School of Accounting and Finance

Temporary Lecturer II in Accounting—3 posts

One year limited term contracts (Ref. AA/257)

Applicants should preferably have both academic and professional qualifications and experience. Knowledge of computer applications in accounting is particularly desirable.

Appointments may be made at 0.5 of a full post where appropriate.

School of Administrative Studies

Temporary Lecturer II—4 posts

One year limited term contracts (Ref. AA/258)

Applicants should be suitably qualified in the subject area of Office Communication Studies, to teach the full range of secretarial subjects to an advanced level.

Preference will be given to applicants with a specialism in EITHER Office Technology (Theory & Practice) OR Secretarial Procedures OR Teeline

School of Management Sciences

Lecturer II in Quantitative Business Analysis (Ref. AA/232)

to teach quantitative methods on a wide range of CMAA and BTEC courses.

LANCASHIRE POLYTECHNIC AT PRESTON

School of Organisation Studies

Temporary Lecturer II in Organisation Behaviour/Industrial Relations

One year limited term contract (Ref. AA/259)

Candidates should have a relevant degree and be capable of teaching both Organisation Behaviour and Industrial Relations on a range of Business and Management courses.

The successful candidate will also be expected to contribute to consultancy activities of the School.

Faculty of Science

School of Psychology

Temporary Lecturer II in Abnormal Psychology

One year limited term contract (Ref. AA/260)

The person appointed will be responsible for teaching on degree level courses and professional courses in Social Work and Nursing.

Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities

School of Social Studies

Temporary Lecturer II in Health Visiting

One year limited term contract (Ref. AA/261)

The person appointed will possess a health visitor tutors certificate, and if possible other professional and academic qualifications.

Salary Scale: Lecturer II: £7,548 to £12,099 (under review)

Application forms and further details of the above posts are obtainable from the Personnel Office, Lancashire Polytechnic, Preston PR1 2TQ, tel. (0772) 262027 quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: 26th July 1985.

NAPIER COLLEGE

A Scottish Central Institution

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

SENIOR LECTURER 'A'

Salary: £12,777—£14,184 (Bar) — £16,104

The person appointed to this post will be required to contribute significantly to the expanding work of the Department in Civil and Transportation Engineering. The work will involve participation in the development and management of existing BEng, Higher Diploma and Higher Certificate courses together with a commitment to research consultancy.

Applicants should possess a Degree in Civil Engineering and be a member of a Senior Engineering Institution and should preferably have relevant industrial, research and teaching experience.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

SENIOR LECTURER 'A'

Salary: £12,777—£14,184 (Bar) — £16,104

The major responsibility of this post will be the co-ordination of CAD methods in the BEng and Higher Diploma courses.

Applicants should have specialist knowledge in some aspects of electronic engineering or telecommunications and be able to demonstrate an ability to conduct a research programme to support the BEng (Hons) in Communication Systems Engineering.

An honours degree or equivalent qualification is essential.

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL & INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

SENIOR LECTURER 'A' MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Salary: £12,777—£14,184 (Bar) — £16,104

The person appointed to this post will be expected to have research and/or industrial experience in one or more of the following areas: Energy Systems, Heat and Mass Transfer, Dynamics, Materials, and Design.

The successful applicant will be expected to lead research and course development in the subject area and to undertake teaching to a wide range of courses, post-graduate, honours degree, higher diploma and certificate level.

Application forms and further details available from: Administrative Officer (Personnel), Napier College, 219 Colinton Road, Edinburgh EH14 1DJ. Tel. (031) 447 7070 ext. 274.

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Catering Officer

EDUCATION CATERING SERVICE 001631 £8,262-£10,107 Soubury Main Range, (Points 8-14)

HULL DIVISION — BASED IN HULL

Applicants should hold a recognised qualification by examination in catering subjects such as the HCIMA Final Membership or an HNC in Catering or an allied subject. Practical catering experience is essential. The Education Catering Service and commercial skills will be an advantage.

The County Council has a scheme of approved removal and distance allowances.

To obtain application forms, please write enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to the Director of Education, Staffing Section, Humberside County Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

The closing date for applications is 26th July 1985.

HUMBERSIDE COUNTY COUNCIL

Barfield College, New Bedford Road, Lufkin, Beds LU2 2AX. Telephone: Lufkin (0552) 507551

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

LECTURER

COUNTY OF AVON

BATH COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Incorporating BATH COLLEGE OF ART)

ARTIST/COMPOSER

COLLABORATIVE RESIDENCY

Academic year 1985-86. Two half-time appointments in the faculty of Art and Music for a Visual Artist and a Composer.

Successful applicants will work collaboratively exploring practical relationships between art and music.

Further details from: The Director, Bath College of Higher Education, Newton Park, Newton St. Lo, Bath, Avon BA2 9BN. Deadline for applications: August 19, 1985.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SWANSEA

Senior Research Assistant

Applications are invited for the vacancy of Senior Research Assistant in the Department of Civil Engineering. The successful applicant will work on a SERCO/DOE collaborative research project of developing finite element techniques for the non-linear analysis of reinforced rubber composites. Applicants should possess a good honours degree in engineering or a relevant scientific subject and preferably be experienced in numerical methods for stress analysis applications.

The appointment, which will be for three years from the sponsor date that can be arranged, will be on a continuing salary up to £9250 per annum plus US\$10000 benefits. Further details and application forms (2 copies) may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by Friday, July 26, 1985.

EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL

PART-TIME LECTURERS

In German/French/Spanish commencing September 1985. Applications are invited for part-time lecturers on the four-year integrated BBS business and languages course for undergraduates. Good academic qualifications, fluency in French or German or Spanish and sound teaching experience are required. Formal training in language teaching and economics/business world are also highly desirable.

Please write with full CV and the names of two referees to: Director, European Business School, The City University, Northampton Square, London EC1Y 8SL.

MANAGER

required for busy Health Studio in either Chatterham or Oxford. Main responsibility will be for membership sales and booking. The successful applicant will have previous management experience. The successful applicant will be aged 24-30 with a degree in Business Administration, Marketing, or a related subject. Salary £10,000 per annum. Tel. Mike Howard on 085 725673.

LONDON SCHOOL OF FOREIGN TRADE

P/T Staff: Business Administration, export documentation, international trade and marine insurance. SAE please to: Registrar, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HT.

REPORTS SCIENCE GRADUATE

Vacancy for male and female graduates with a degree in Science, Engineering, or a related subject. The successful applicant will be aged 24-30 with a degree in Science, Engineering, or a related subject. Salary £10,000 per annum. Tel. Mike Howard on 085 725673.

LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC

Department of Graphic Design

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

H.O.D. v £16,058 — £17,877

Applications for the above post are invited from persons of appropriate academic and professional qualifications. Proven qualities of both academic and professional leadership and the ability to manage in both verbal and written form, the direction and nature of course development and policy are essential.

The successful candidate will also be expected to initiate new programmes of work involving inter-departmental and cross-faculty activity and develop both industrial links and research consultancy programmes appropriate to A.A. (Hons) degree studies. Informal enquiries may be made to: P. Mossdale, Dean of Faculty, 651-267 3581 Ext. 2604.

Department of Building & Civil Engineering

LECTURER II — CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE £7,548 — £14,061

Suitably qualified candidates required from 1st September, 1985. Graduates interested in developing construction practice in the Department's degree studies in Building. Applicants should possess a good degree and preferably have an interest or proven record in research. Industrial experience and professional status would be advantageous.

LECTURER II — ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

£7,548 — £14,061

Suitably qualified candidates required from 1st September, 1985. A Graduate Environmental Scientist with an interest in the applications of environmental science to the effective design of buildings to join the course team involved with the Department's degree studies in Building.

Applicants must hold a good Honours degree in a relevant discipline and have a proven research and research achievement. Practical experience and professional qualifications are desirable but not essential.

Department of Law

LECTURER II (2 POSTS) £7,548 — £12,099

TEMPORARY LECTURER II (1 YEAR) £7,548 — £10,251

Suitably qualified candidates required from 1st September, 1985. Candidates with a degree in Law or a related discipline. The research is intended to investigate the CMAA validated degree, a FLEX course, post graduate teaching and community oriented part-time sub-degree courses. It also provides Law teaching for a wide range of non-Law degrees and diplomas throughout the Polytechnic.

Department of Fashion & Textiles

SENIOR LECTURER IN FASHION £11,175 — £14,061

Required from September, 1985. Fashion Designer to teach at aspects of garment design to B.A. (Hons) Fashion Studies.

Applicants should be leaders with professional experience. Some experience as a visiting lecturer or consultant with a Fashion College will be an advantage.

LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER 3/5ths

£7,548 — £14,061 pro-rata

The successful well-qualified candidate will have good technical knowledge of garment design and a solid background as a practitioner in this field. The successful candidate will be a practitioner in this field. Informal enquiries may be made to Mr C. Metcalfe (051-267 3581 Ext. 2810).

Department of Sport & Recreation

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (2 POSTS) £5,173 — £5,664

Applications are invited for two Research Assistant Posts in a project conducted by Dr. Mike Hughes. The research is intended to investigate the sociological, psychological and physiological implications of playing squash at all levels of the game, and is for 3 years.

Candidates should have a good background in either Sports Science, or one or more of the relevant academic disciplines (i.e. Sociology, Psychology, Exercise Physiology). The successful candidate should have a good knowledge of playing squash and be able to provide the opportunity to register for a higher degree.

For further particulars and an application form contact the Personnel Office, Liverpool Polytechnic, Rodney House, 70 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5UX (Tel. 051-267 3581 ext. 2810/2811) to whom applications must be returned not later than Tuesday, 23rd July.

Liverpool Polytechnic is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of race, sex, marital status or disability.

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The Association for Recognised English Language Teaching Establishments in Britain wishes to appoint an

LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC

COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE

TEACHERS' DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING
Description of the Course
The Teachers' Diploma in Computer Studies is intended for experienced teachers who have some basic familiarity with computers and have had at least two years' full-time teaching or training experience of any subject at any level.
(i) To impart the knowledge to teach examination and computer appreciation courses below GCE 'A' level standard.
(ii) To give teachers a conceptual framework for the subject so that they have a sound basis for further study.
(iii) To become familiar with different methods of teaching computing.
Dates: 11th-17th July, and Mondays, starting on 9th September, 1985, for 35 weeks, ending on 9th September, 1985.
TEACHERS' DIPLOMA IN THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION
Description of the Course
The Teachers' Diploma for the Use of Computers in Education is intended for teachers in any sector of education or training who are interested in the use of computers in the classroom to assist teaching and learning.
(i) To give teachers a conceptual framework for the subject so that they have a sound basis for further study.
(ii) To become familiar with different methods of teaching computing.
(iii) To give teachers a conceptual framework for the subject so that they have a sound basis for further study.
Dates: 35 weeks of study on Thursdays starting on 12th September, 1985.

Summer Schools

1. INTRODUCING LOGO
DATE: Monday, 22nd July, to Friday, 26th July
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £12.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
Both units £27.50.
Unit 1 (2 days-Monday, Tuesday) £16.
Unit 2 (3 days-Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) £22.50.
All fees include refreshments and lunch.
BACKGROUND: To provide teachers and others involved in education with an overview of the programming language LOGO and its educational use. No previous knowledge of either programming or LOGO is assumed.
Unit 1 is for complete beginners.
Unit 2 is a continuation of the course. Those attending Unit 2 should be familiar with the use of LOGO or a turtle graphics program.

2. AN INTRODUCTION TO 6502 ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE ON THE BBC MICROCOMPUTER
DATE: Monday, 28th July, to Wednesday, 31st July
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £22.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
BACKGROUND: Teachers are not expected to have knowledge of machine code programming. A working knowledge of BBC BASIC will be assumed.

3. AN INTRODUCTION TO SPREADSHEET PROGRAMS
DATE: Wednesday, 28th August
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £12.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
BACKGROUND: An introduction to the potential of spreadsheet programs. Suitable for RML and BBC users.

4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE WORKSHOP
DATE: Wednesday, 28th August, and Thursday, 29th August
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £12.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
BACKGROUND: For teachers who wish to learn more about the role of the microcomputer to support Language Work throughout the Primary age range. The BBC software used will include: Cartoon-Intant; Story-Intant/Junior; Melted-Junior.

5. WORDSTAR
DATE: Wednesday, 28th August, to Friday, 30th August
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £22.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
BACKGROUND: WORDSTAR is probably the world's most popular wordprocessor and is a thoroughly professional package. This hands-on course uses Wordstar on the RML 3802 and 4802. It includes the use of Mailmerge, a powerful merging tool for mail applications.

6. INFORMATION RETRIEVAL
DATE: Friday, 30th August
TIME: 9.30am-4pm.
FEE: £12.50 (including refreshments and lunch).
BACKGROUND: To familiarise teachers with educational software suitable for information handling. Course will include the use of Facilitate, QUEST, INFORM, FIND and MICROQUERY.
For further details and enrolment for any of these courses, please apply to:
Computer Education Centre, Liverpool Polytechnic, 70 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5UX. (Telephone 051-267 3581, ext. 2531).

PORTSMOUTH POLYTECHNIC
Applications are invited from good Honours graduates for the Research Assistant posts. Initial appointments are for two years and are supernumerary. Successful candidates will be expected to register for a PhD.
Salary Scale: Research Assistant: £5,567-£8,405 per annum (under review).

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
Research Assistant (V208) to work on an SERC sponsored new project to develop, design and construct a 6-gigawatt waveguide robot.
Candidates should have a good knowledge of micro processor programming; experience with pneumatic control systems would be an advantage and the Research Assistant will be required to carry out experimental and theoretical work on predictive control.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY
Research Assistant in Pharmaceutical (P700) required to investigate the influence of therapeutic ultra sound and coupling medium transmission on the percutaneous penetration of drugs. Industrial collaboration is envisaged.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
Research Assistant (a) Microwave Materials (N239)
A joint project for producing and characterising high performance ferrites as used for high frequency signal systems in progress with satellite development company.
Research Assistant (b) Electronic Materials (P708)
Measurements of the electrical, magnetic and microwave properties are being used to obtain information on charge transport in one and two dimension, the electrical behaviour of disordered semi conductors and the relationship between electrical and magnetic phenomena in solids.
Application forms and further particulars from Personnel Office, Nuffield Centre, St. Michaels Road, Portsmouth, Tel. (0705) 854551. Closing date for applications: Friday, 26th July, 1985.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS SCHOOL
APPOINTMENT AT HEAD OF DEPARTMENT LEVEL
with possibility of the title of Professor
Salary: £17,997-£19,170 p.a. (under review)
Applications are invited for a new post at Head of Department level within the Plymouth Business School, which offers Business and Management courses at undergraduate and at post graduate level.
The successful applicant will have specific responsibility for a group of these courses as well as for the other key tasks within the Business School.
Further particulars and application form may be obtained from the Personnel Officer, Plymouth Polytechnic, Drake Circus, Plymouth PL4 8AA. Telephone: 0752 264639, in anticipation of a closing date of Friday, 2 August, 1985.

Health Unlimited
Health Unlimited is a new charity set up to provide Primary Health Care and related community development services in areas where other agencies are not working. Our first project started in 1984 in an area of high unemployment and social deprivation. We are now looking for people to replace the educationalist on our first team. If you have third world experience and a background in primary health care, E.S.I. or health education and/or community development work, we would like to hear from you.
Write to: HEALTH UNLIMITED, 3 STAMFORD STREET, LONDON SE1 8NT. Telephone 01-925 4509.

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Gipsy Lane, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP
Telephone: 01865 44777
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PAISLEY COLLEGE
A Scottish Central Institution
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES
TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN SOCIOLOGY
Salary Scale Lecturer 'A' £5,567-£12,176 (under review)
Applications are invited for the above post to run for two years from 1st September 1985. The successful candidate would be a member of the psychology group within the Department of Applied Social Studies. The post holder will be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course. The post holder will also be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course.
Closing date for applications: 15th July, 1985.
Further particulars and application forms are available from: The Personnel Officer, Paisley College, University of Glasgow, Paisley PA1 2SE. Tel: 041-887 1241 ext. 250.

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY
Salary Scale Lecturer 'A' £5,567-£12,176 (under review)
Applications are invited for the above post to run for two years from 1st September 1985. The successful candidate would be a member of the psychology group within the Department of Applied Social Studies. The post holder will be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course. The post holder will also be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course.
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HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
Salary within the range £17,997 - £19,170 (under review)
The Department is the largest public sector School of Architecture in the country. It provides undergraduate, diploma and postgraduate courses in architecture and urban design, and a wide range of development workshops and short courses. The vacancy arises following the retirement of the present Head of Department.
Candidates should be highly qualified and experienced in architecture, education and administration.
Application forms and further details may be obtained from Staffing Office, Oxford Polytechnic, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP. Telephone: 01865 94777. Closing date for applications: 1 September 1985.

University of Birmingham
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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University of Manchester
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
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University of Leeds
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University of Nottingham
DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY
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University of Oxford
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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STATE OF KUWAIT

The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training announces the following vacancies for experienced Faculty members with Master Degree and five years' experience and Training Instructors with B.Sc Degree and five years' experience.

- Teaching Faculty: Master Degree**
 - Accounting
 - Chemical Engineering
 - Electronics
 - Nursing
 - Pharmacy Science
 - Medical Records
- Training Instructors: B.Sc. Degree in Electronic Engineering with special emphasis and 5 years' experience in the following fields:**
 - Civil Aviation
 - Fiber Optics Cable Joining
 - Computer and Digital Circuits
 - Radio and Television
 - Telegraphy
- Others**
 - Researcher in Educational Economy (M.A. or PhD + 5 years' experience)
 - Specialist in Measurement and Evaluation (M.A. Degree in Psychology + 5 years' experience)
 - Specialist in Training and Manpower Development (M.A. in Business Admin. or Industrial Management + 10 years' experience)
 - Senior Systems Analyst (B.Sc Degree with 6 years' experience)

Director General,
The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training,
Dept. of Institutes and Training Centres Affairs,
P.O. Box 23167 - Safat,
STATE OF KUWAIT
Please note that the closing date is August 1, 1985.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INSPECTORATE

General Inspector

Education for a multi-cultural society
Soulbury Main Range £16,824 - £18,141 (equivalent to Burnham Head Teacher Group 10)

Following the promotion of the present occupant, Mr. M. Naguib, to a post of Assistant Director of Education with Derbyshire, an opportunity has arisen to join a team of four Multi-Cultural Inspectors.

Birmingham L.E.A. is committed to the promotion of racial equality and justice through the establishment of a strong multi-cultural perspective in all the City's Schools and Colleges.

The post holder will have special responsibility for all matters relating to the education of British Asian Children and a knowledge of minority ethnic needs and a strong commitment to anti-racist education is essential. Fluency in one of the major South Asian languages is desirable.

Candidates may obtain application forms (returnable by Friday 19th July 1985) and further details from:

The Chief Education Officer,
Personnel Branch, Education Office,
Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BU.
Telephone: 021-235 2801 or 021-235 2587.

Applications from employees of the GLC or MCC's with relevant experience will be welcomed.
An equal opportunities employer

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PAISLEY COLLEGE
A Scottish Central Institution
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES
TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN SOCIOLOGY
Salary Scale Lecturer 'A' £5,567-£12,176 (under review)
Applications are invited for the above post to run for two years from 1st September 1985. The successful candidate would be a member of the sociology group within the Department of Applied Social Studies. The post holder will be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course. The post holder will also be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course.
Closing date for applications: 15th July, 1985.
Further particulars and application forms are available from: The Personnel Officer, Paisley College, University of Glasgow, Paisley PA1 2SE. Tel: 041-887 1241 ext. 250.

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN PSYCHOLOGY
Salary Scale Lecturer 'A' £5,567-£12,176 (under review)
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HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
Salary within the range £17,997 - £19,170 (under review)
The Department is the largest public sector School of Architecture in the country. It provides undergraduate, diploma and postgraduate courses in architecture and urban design, and a wide range of development workshops and short courses. The vacancy arises following the retirement of the present Head of Department.
Candidates should be highly qualified and experienced in architecture, education and administration.
Application forms and further details may be obtained from Staffing Office, Oxford Polytechnic, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP. Telephone: 01865 94777. Closing date for applications: 1 September 1985.

University of Birmingham
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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County Education Department

Administrative Assistant

Scale 4 £6,555 - £7,065
This post is in the Advisory Section which provides administrative support to Education Advisers and deals with the administration of in-service training for teachers and a variety of projects. The post-holder is second in the seniority in the section and is involved in all aspects of the work. The responsibilities include the handling of education projects and of in-service training expenditure, the servicing of meetings, and supervision of clerical staff.

You should either have experience of local authority administration (and preferably hold the BTEC National Certificate or Diploma in Public Administration or an equivalent qualification) or be graduated with other relevant experience. Removal expenses will be paid in approved cases.

Application forms returnable by 22nd July 1985, and further details from County Education Officer (M2), County Hall, Dorchester DT1 1XL. Tel: Dorchester 0305-23131, ext. 4171. Please quote Post No. C0344X.

SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON

LIBRARIAN

The Society will interview candidates in the autumn with a view to appointment from April 1986, when the present Librarian retires.
Applications should be submitted to:
The General Secretary,
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON,
Burlington House,
Piccadilly, London W1V 0HS
Telephone 01-734 0193
From whom further particulars can be obtained, by 18th August, 1985.

RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORKER

Grade 1/23 £5,574-£7,329 progressing to £7,746 for qualified applicants
Following School, Hingham Road, Sheffield S11 7TA
A Residential Social Worker wishing to join a large and progressive Authority is required for a Residential Social Worker post. The post holder will be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community. The post holder will also be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community. The post holder will also be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community.
Closing date for applications: 15th July, 1985.
Further particulars and application forms are available from: The Personnel Officer, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield S1 1AB. Tel: 0114-275 1241 ext. 250.

City of Sheffield

SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

SALARY - in range £11,112 to £12,384
Applications should have a keen commitment to the philosophy of the Association and special interest in and knowledge of current educational issues in schools and colleges. The new Executive Secretary will be responsible for administering the running of the Association, projecting its image, and advising the National Committee on policy and organisation.
Letters of application with c.v., naming two referees to: Mr Peter Matthews (Hon. Sec.), 10 Wilmshurst Avenue, Chadderton Park, Chadderton OL9 0RN.
CLOSING DATE - 19th July, 1985.
For further information please telephone 061-652 2284.

RESEARCH/RESEARCH AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

MRC RESEARCH STUDENTSHIP

An MRC funded research studentship is available in the above Department to study glycoprotein metabolism in human endothelial cells. Applications should be made to Dr D A White, Department of Biochemistry, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UB.
Salary within range £5,600-£7,500 per annum on the MRC scale. Successful candidates will receive a stipend of £3,500 p.a. and a maintenance allowance of £2,000 p.a. (Research IA).
Applications, which should include the name and address of a referee, should be sent to: Professor D A White, Department of Biochemistry, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UB. Tel: 0532-535 1241 ext. 250.

RESEARCH/RESEARCH AWARDS

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON (KQC)

University of London
Centre for Research in Analytical Chemistry and Instrumentation
RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
The University of London has a Centre for Research in Analytical Chemistry and Instrumentation. The Centre is currently seeking applications for two research assistants to work on the development of new methods of analytical chemistry. The Centre has a strong reputation in the field of analytical chemistry and is currently seeking applications for two research assistants to work on the development of new methods of analytical chemistry. The Centre has a strong reputation in the field of analytical chemistry and is currently seeking applications for two research assistants to work on the development of new methods of analytical chemistry.

SUNDERLAND POLYTECHNIC

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING
TWO RESEARCH POSITIONS
Applications are invited from graduates in...
CIVIL ENGINEERING for a post to investigate the response of pile foundations subjected to seismic loading. Collaborated with SERC/Queen's University to investigate the practice of foundation design. Telephone inquiries to Sunderland 75316.
ENGINEERING SURVEYING for a post to investigate the response of pile foundations subjected to seismic loading. Collaborated with SERC/Queen's University to investigate the practice of foundation design. Telephone inquiries to Sunderland 75316.
The minimum qualification is an upper second class honours degree and the successful candidate will be expected to produce a high standard of research. Telephone inquiries to Sunderland 75316.
Application form and further particulars obtainable from the Personnel Officer, Sunderland Polytechnic, Leazes Road, Sunderland SR2 7BE, or telephone: (0755) 76551 ext. 11.
Closing date: July 18, 1985

THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

LABORATORY OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
ALGORITHMS FOR SPEECH ANALYSIS
Applications are invited for two 3-year research posts, one at postgraduate and one at postdoctoral level, to take a course funded by SERC/Queen's University to investigate the practice of foundation design. Telephone inquiries to Sunderland 75316.
The posts start on October 1, 1985, and will be on the scale £5,600 to £7,500 per annum for postgraduate and £7,500 to £9,500 per annum for postdoctoral, with salaries not above £11,675. Applicants should send a c.v. to Dr C. J. Darwin, Experimental Psychology, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QJ. Tel. 0273 606755 ext. 54.

UMIST

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT
The successful candidate for the post of POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT will work with Dr R. J. Sedberry on the development of a new method of analytical chemistry. The post holder will be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community. The post holder will also be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community. The post holder will also be responsible for the care and supervision of children in the community.
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University of Sheffield

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above post to run for two years from 1st September 1985. The successful candidate would be a member of the electronics group within the Department of Applied Social Studies. The post holder will be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course. The post holder will also be responsible for the delivery of the course and will also be responsible for the recruitment of students to the course.
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THE UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND CHEMISTRY
2 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES
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UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ON THE STRUCTURE OF SURFACES
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CAMBRIDGE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE
RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
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University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
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University of Manchester

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
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University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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University of Oxford

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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UNIVERSITIES

UNIVERSITY OF BATH SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY

RESEARCH OFFICER IN MOLECULAR GRAPHICS

There is a three-year position, as a member of a newly established interdisciplinary team within the Science Area, located in the School of Chemistry. The successful candidate will undertake research in any appropriate area within Chemistry and will also assist on a fully collaborative basis. Researchers from other schools, including pharmacy and pharmacology, and bio-chemistry.

The unit will be equipped with an Evans and Sutherland P2500 MicroVAX II. Access to main frame computers is available. Links to a network of computers are planned.

Applicants should have an appropriate background in molecular graphics or in a relevant area.

Salary in the range £7,500 to £12,150 p.a. according to qualifications and experience.

Informal contact may be made with Professor M. M. Campbell, School of Chemistry (0225 61244 extension 565).

Further particulars and application form from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

The Open University Faculty of Technology Design Discipline

RESEARCH FELLOW

HIERARCHICAL DATA STRUCTURES FOR TRAFFIC PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

Applications are invited for the post of Research Fellow to work on the above project with Dr. H. Johnson in the Design Discipline of the Faculty of Technology.

The successful applicant will have worked in transportation planning, particularly in the area of hierarchical data structures, and will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum.

The salary range is £5,500 to £7,500 p.a. according to qualifications and experience.

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University of Newcastle New South Wales

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER

The Department is looking for a new member of staff to teach architectural design and building construction at the level of the course. Recent graduates in architecture or building construction would be preferred. The Department is currently involved in a major restructuring of its curriculum and the successful applicant will be expected to contribute to this process.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

University of Aberdeen

CHAIR OF CHURCH HISTORY

Applications are invited for the Chair of Church History, which will be held in the Department of Divinity, University of Aberdeen. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of church history.

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University of Newcastle upon Tyne

LECTURESHIP IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Archaeology, which will be held in the Department of Archaeology, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of archaeology.

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University of Durham

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Applications are invited for the post of Assistant Treasurer, which will be held in the Department of Economics, University of Durham. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of economics.

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University of Reading

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

"NEW BLOOD" LECTURER

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer, which will be held in the Department of Mathematics, University of Reading. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of mathematics.

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University of Leeds

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

"NEW BLOOD" LECTURER

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer, which will be held in the Department of Linguistics, University of Leeds. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of linguistics.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL CELL BIOLOGY

TECHNICIAN GRADE 3

Applications are invited for the post of Technician, which will be held in the Department of Medical Cell Biology, University of Liverpool. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of medical cell biology.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

University of Edinburgh

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

LECTURESHIP IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Organic Chemistry, which will be held in the Department of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of organic chemistry.

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University of Aberdeen

LECTURESHIP IN STATISTICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Statistics, which will be held in the Department of Statistics, University of Aberdeen. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of statistics.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

University of Reading

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Temporary Lectureship

Applications are invited for a Temporary Lectureship in Economics, which will be held in the Department of Economics, University of Reading. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of economics.

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University of Liverpool

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL CELL BIOLOGY

TECHNICIAN GRADE 3

UNIVERSITY OF SALFORD DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Scientific Officer in the Department of Geography to work in the field of Digital Image Processing. Applicants should have a good honours degree, and preference will be given to persons with experience in satellite image analysis and/or computer systems.

Salary in the range of £7,500 to £12,150 (under review) USS benefits.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from The Registrar, University of Salford, Salford M6 4WT. Closing date: 31.08.85. Applications should be returned by August 21, 1985, quoting reference G/2524.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Applications are invited for a TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP (9 months) in Prehistoric Archaeology, tenable from October 1, 1985, until March 31, 1986. An appointment will be made within the first three points of the Lecturer scale (£7,500-£12,150).

For further particulars and application form, please write to The Establishment Office (quoting reference L231A1), University House, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YW, where applications (five copies) should be sent to the attention of Dr M. J. Bates. NOT LATER THAN JULY 31, 1985.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER Department of Engineering

LECTURER IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

A post has been funded under the shift to science and technology initiative to support research in the field of electronic engineering. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of electronic engineering.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, University of Bath, CA2 7AY, quoting Ref No. 65/108. Closing date: July 30, 1985.

The Open University Faculty of Technology Systems Group

RESEARCH FELLOW

Applications are invited for the post of Research Fellow to work on the above project with Dr. H. Johnson in the Design Discipline of the Faculty of Technology.

The successful applicant will have worked in transportation planning, particularly in the area of hierarchical data structures, and will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum.

The salary range is £5,500 to £7,500 p.a. according to qualifications and experience.

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University of Warwick

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

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YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Buckingham Education Department

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YOUTH WORKER

— ELKHURST, AYLESBURY JNC 5 (11-5) 87,886,88,844

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced Youth Workers or Teachers for above youth post in Aylesbury. The post is based at Elkhurst Youth Centre which is run in partnership with the Church of England. The person appointed will be expected to contribute to general youth work provision using a wide range of youth skills, but have a particular interest and concern for the needs of older young people. A commitment to participative forms of youth work is essential.

For further details and application form, please send a stamped addressed envelope to The Chief Education Officer (Ref. 112), Education Department, County Hall, Aylesbury, Bucks HP8 4JF. Applications should be made to Janet Watson, Youth Officer, Aylesbury 5000, ext. 705. Closing date for applications July 31, 1985.

Northfield YMCA

RESIDENT WORKER-IN-CHARGE

AT THE NORTHFIELD YMCA, a mixed residential for 50 people, we are seeking a person to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the centre. The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to the development of a new curriculum and to undertake research in the field of youth work.

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POLYTECHNICS

TEESSIDE POLYTECHNIC DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER IN SECRETARIAL STUDIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates to teach Office Skills/Technology/Management and Communications on a range of courses, but mainly on the Private Secretary's Diploma Course.

Candidates should be professionally qualified, preferably with a Degree and/or relevant industrial and commercial experience.

A knowledge of, and the ability to teach at advanced level, office administration using a modern office system would be an added advantage.

Salary: £7,548-£11,175 (efficiency band £13.128 (work band £14.081) per annum.

An appointment will be made at Lecturer II level and the salary on commencement will be no greater than £12,059 per annum. Closing date for applications July 18, 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY LEA RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP IN SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for an LEA Research Assistantship in Organic Chemistry.

The programme, leading to the degree of MPhil and/or PhD is concerned with the synthesis and biological evaluation of potential anti-tumour agents, to commence in September 1985 for 2 years only.

Candidates will be expected to have or expect to obtain a first or second class honours degree or equivalent in Chemistry and have interests in total synthesis.

Salary, which includes payment for up to 6 hours per week teaching assistance is £5,816-£6,567 per annum. Closing date for applications: July 31, 1985.

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Further particulars and application forms in respect of both posts from: The Personnel Section, Teesside Polytechnic, Borough Road, Middlesbrough, Cleveland TS1 3BA. Telephone (0642) 218121. Extension 4114.

Huddersfield Polytechnic Department of Architecture, Design & Construction PRINCIPAL LECTURER/ SENIOR LECTURER IN SCHOOL OF CONSTRUCTION STUDIES Ref: AC4848A

A reader leader is required to lead the group of staff in the design of the new building for the School of Construction Studies.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the design of the new building for the School of Construction Studies.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE POLYTECHNIC Faculty of Construction and Applied Science SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES PRINCIPAL LECTURER IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY Ref. No. A3895

The above post is available from September 1, 1985, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Candidates should possess a good honours degree in Chemistry, and have appropriate research and/or industrial experience. A higher degree would be highly desirable.

This is a key post in the School of Chemical & Life Sciences, and the person appointed will be expected to assume a senior management role in addition to acting as subject leader and developing research/consultancy.

Burnham Fee: £13,985-£14,580 (bar) £16,467 pa.

For further details and application forms please call our 24-hour telephone answering service (0632) 233126 or write enclosing a f600000 to Mrs Linda Morris, Admin. Assistant, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic, Ellison Building, Ellison Place, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8ST, to whom completed forms should be returned quoting Ref. No. A3895.

MANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC FACULTY OF COMMUNITY STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES EDUCATION TEMPORARY LECTURER II IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION (1 YEAR)

Applications for this full-time one year post from September 1, 1985, should have good qualifications in Mathematics and recent school experience. Salary scale £7,548-£11,175 (efficiency band £13.128 (work band £14.081) per annum. Closing date for applications: July 23, 1985. Ref. CS/429.

LECTURER/SENIOR LECTURER IN GRAPHIC DESIGN (HALF-TIME APPOINTMENT)

A Tutor in Graphic Design is required to teach in the Design for Learning Area of the BA (Hons) in Communication Media Degree. The successful applicant will be primarily responsible for the Graphic Design module of this course and will also be responsible for the design of the course materials. The successful candidate will have a wide knowledge of current Graphic Design and sound understanding of design for educational media. Salary scale £7,548-£11,175 (efficiency band £13.128 (work band £14.081) per annum. Closing date for applications: July 26, 1985. Ref. A/429.

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SOUTH BANK POLYTECHNIC LIBRARY GRADUATE TRAINEES (Temporary) £6,927 pa Ref. L208

The Library has vacancies for one year for graduates who are planning to study Library or Information Science in 1986. Library experience would be useful. The appointees will undertake a wide range of duties during the year.

Application forms are available by sending a self-addressed envelope (not less than 20cm x 11cm) to the Personnel Department, South Bank Polytechnic, Borough Road, London SE1 0AA. Closing date: July 19, 1985.

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NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE POLYTECHNIC STUDENT SERVICES CAREERS AND APPOINTMENTS SERVICE ASSISTANT CAREERS ADVISER SCALE 6 - REF. No. APC 4085

Applications are invited from graduates with enthusiasm and creative energy to meet the future challenges in this busy service. Commitment to developing the skills relevant to advising students in the higher education context is essential, as is the ability to establish effective working relationships with the students, Polytechnic staff and employers. Relevant work experience with experience in the private or public sector is desirable.

NJC Salary and conditions Scale 6, £5,532-£5,114 p.a.

Informal inquiries may be made to the Senior Careers Adviser (0632) 233126.

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Portsmouth Polytechnic Faculty of Business, Economics, Education and Management SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Applications are invited for a 6-month temporary appointment in the School of Management Studies, Portsmouth Polytechnic, for a Temporary Lectureship in Personnel Management. The successful candidate will be responsible for the delivery of the Personnel Management module of the BSc (Hons) in Management Studies. The successful candidate will have a good knowledge of Personnel Management and will be able to teach at an advanced level. Salary scale £7,548-£11,175 (efficiency band £13.128 (work band £14.081) per annum. Closing date for applications: July 23, 1985.

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Kingston Polytechnic School of Computing LECTURER II/ SENIOR LECTURER

Applications for the post of Lecturer II/Senior Lecturer should be well qualified in Computer Science and have relevant experience in the area of software engineering, computer architecture, systems analysis and design, data communications, artificial intelligence, industrial and office automation.

Candidates will also be required to provide evidence of research and/or consultancy activities or the potential to develop them.

Salary range £8,256-£13,806 (bar) £10,128 (work band £10,628) per annum. Closing date for applications: July 26, 1985. Ref. A/429.

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TRENT POLYTECHNIC Department of Computing LECTURER GRADE II/ SENIOR LECTURER IN COMPUTING

Applications are invited for a full-time post in the Department of Computing, Trent Polytechnic, for a Lecturer Grade II/Senior Lecturer in Computing. The successful candidate will be responsible for the delivery of the Computing module of the BSc (Hons) in Computing. The successful candidate will have a good knowledge of Computing and will be able to teach at an advanced level. Salary scale £7,548-£11,175 (efficiency band £13.128 (work band £14.081) per annum. Closing date for applications: July 23, 1985.

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Smoke signals from a Solidarity stalwart

COMMENTARY Hugo Young



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ways the language is similar, and the need to fashion a political strategy is common to all aspiring democrats. In the West, we are not privileged, however, to have to work out such strategies in a context where the choices are so stark. Solidarity's philosophers exhibit an astuteness of judgment, a high seriousness, and a quest for the unvarnished language of truth which make western politicians, twisting words and concocting images, look rather like traitors to the once-dignified cause of democratic politics.

Perhaps Michnik is too incurable an optimist. He sees hope in the new Soviet leadership, thinks they "may wish to take on the challenge of modernity, and begin searching for a new model of relations with Soviet satellites." He insists that they shouldn't be rushed. But he believes that they, like the rest of the world, will have to grapple with the unalterable reality of the Polish people's aspirations.

To this end he does not expect much help from the West. The Poles "do not count on Reagan, or on Pershing missiles; they have no hopes hanging on the outcome of negotiations in Gen-

eva." They count only on themselves. The West, however, would be advised to understand what is happening. It would be "not only a moral mistake but a political one as well" to ignore the deception at the heart of Jaruzelski's claim to have "normalised" Poland.

Adam Michnik, we have to keep remembering, is back inside for a long spell. For his gallantry he receives a serenely contemptuous sarcasm.

He is a believer in "the sociology of surprise." The former party leader Edward Gierek, he recalls, "so beloved by Brezhnev and Helmut Schmidt," so respected by Giscard d'Estaing and Carter, within a week travelled from the heights of power into oblivion. "Here, on a spring morning, one may wake up in a totally changed country. Here, and not once, party buildings burned while the commissars escaped clad only in their underwear."

Where such fierce hope exists, dear God, there is the mouth of any western politician or union leader or newspaper owner, luxuriating in unchallenged liberty, to put a single stitch of clothing back on the oppressors?

IT IS EASY to forget about Poland. And when reminders of that tragic country intrude into British politics, it is not always in the most acceptable or instructive fashion. When the Labour Party stole the Solidarity symbol a few years ago, and appropriated both the lettering and the motif of the blowing flag for itself, one felt a frisson of outrage that it should thereby be laying claim to any shred of Solidarity's heroic role as a social and political force.

The nature of this act of larceny was revealed in its full obscenity during the miners' strike. There were all of them on the left, who seriously sought to equate the position of the National Union of Mineworkers with that of the Polish trade union, and who imagined that they saw a stunning contradiction between the Government's words of encouragement for the Poles and its posture of aggression towards the miners' demands.

Mr. Seargill's present demand for an amnesty for convicted miners reawakens this echo. Notwithstanding his own deplorable role as a critic of Solidarity, it will not be surprising if this shoddy idea is nobly equated with the amnesty for political prisoners extracted out of the Polish government in July 1984.

Solidarity also faces another kind of oblivion. The government of General Jaruzelski has survived, has it not? It is functioning, is it not, with the commendable objective of keeping the Russians out, a task which involves it in unpleasant but surely necessary compromises? With only one exposure to Poland behind me, just before martial law was imposed in December 1981, I confess to a trace of such feelings in myself, though not, I hope, with the same coarsely jubilant opportunism as Captain Maxwell.

Amnesia, however, has no proper reason to forget, and pessimists no excuse for consenting to the status quo. Still less can the smallest scintilla of a comparison be justified between the limp and vacillating stance of the British left against Thatcherism and all it stands for, and the inspired examination of their condition by the Solidarity leaders struggling for freedom.

The latest of these is "Letter from the Gdansk Prison," by Adam Michnik, which appears in English translation in the current issue of the New York Review of Books. Michnik

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Premature rejoicing in Brasilia during Tancredio Neves' ill-fated inauguration; President José Sarney: sweeping reforms seem unlikely (right)

After 100 days, President Sarney still walks a tightrope. JAN ROCHA reports.

Left holding Brazil's baby

THREE months after being thrust unexpectedly into the presidency on the death of Tancredio Neves, José Sarney still walks like a man in a minefield.

It is a political minefield of alliances and bargains, negotiated by the wily Neves to bring him to power, that only he knew how to hold together. Now it threatens to explode.

By leap-frogging directly from the former government party, the PDS (Democratic Social Party) over the dissidents' party, the PFL (Liberal Front) into the opposition, the PMDB (Brazilian Democratic Movement) Sarney ended up being identified with no party, and therefore without the automatic loyalty of any of them.

His political support came from the coalition of left, centre and conservative forces called the Democratic Alliance. But the alliance, impressive in theory, turns out to be unworkable when faced with the reality of municipal elections due in

November. Local electoral interests are irreconcilable, and alliance members find themselves supporting rival candidates.

In São Paulo, for example, the PFL, without a strong name itself, will probably support not the PMDB candidate, but Janio Quadros, a former president of the republic who renounced after seven months. A political phoenix, his colourful law and order platform is winning him popular support.

As a result, the PMDB is having to run one of its brightest stars, Senator Fernando Henrique Cardoso, instead of saving him for the governor's race in 1988. In Congress too, the strong political base promised by the large alliance majority has evaporated with the end of the old "party fidelity" rule, introduced by the military regime which kept MPs toying the party line on pain of losing their mandates.

Politicians, their eyes on the forthcoming elections, have become rebellious. Parties in Brazil never were ideologically based; instead, politicians would hang their allegiances on whatever "coathanger" suited their needs.

After the first spate of political reforms—introducing the vote for the legislature, legalising the Communist parties, and re-establishing the direct vote for the presidency—it is unlikely that any sweeping social reforms will get through what has remained basically a conservative Congress.

This is President Sarney's dilemma, because as a president who came to power on a programme of democratic change, he is determined to submit everything to congressional approval. "I want to go down in history as a president who brought great advances in Brazil," he told a visitor.

His problem is how to do this with an unruly Congress, without a strong political base and with a powerful conservative class of landowners and industrialists still well entrenched and determined to cling to its privileges. The outcry about the government's announcement of land reform, seen by the government as the only way to prevent a worsening of social conditions, is an example of the right wing's still formidable power to mobilise when its interests are threatened.

Sarney has had to face a number of challenges. A rash of strikes in public services and the major industrial sector, the car factories in São Paulo, provoked another right-wing reaction. The former head of the intelligence agency, SNI, General Otávio Medeiros allowed himself to be quoted as saying "riots are not saints, but they can work miracles."

The present head of the intelligence agency, General Ivan Mendes, weighed in saying the strikes could lead to the destabilisation of the regime. The SNI however is seriously demoralised at the moment, because some of the skeletons in the cupboard

left over from the old regime, are beginning to make their appearance. A new investigation into the mysterious death of a Rio journalist, Alexandre Baumgarten, who knew too much about right-wing terrorist attacks and the agency's links with cases of financial corruption, has led to the questioning of former SNI chiefs. In Brasília a new investigation into the case of another murdered reporter, Mario Eugênio, has uncovered a death squad made up of military and civil policemen.

Public prosecutors are now studying accusations of corruption against several top economic ministers, including the all-powerful planning minister, Delfino Neto, and finance minister, Ernani Galvães, to decide whether charges should be brought.

President Sarney himself threw open the former home of the last military president, General João Figueiredo, so that the

Hollywood-style luxury could be seen for the first time by the tax-paying public.

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A peace protest lost in space

HELLA PICK reports on how the END convention ducked Star Wars

"I HAVE BEEN demonstrating for ten years," says Mient Jan Faber, a key figure in the Dutch peace movement against nuclear weapons, "and I've had enough."

"Besides," he continues, referring to Star Wars, "you can hardly demonstrate in space."

Faber, who is the head of the IKV Interchurch Council, was the host and one of the principal organisers of this year's convention of END, the European Nuclear Disarmament movement, held last week in Amsterdam. He was giving voice to the conviction shared by most of the participants from Western Europe that the era of mass protest demonstrations is now over — and even Greenham Common type occupations. END brings together the non-aligned peace movements of Western Europe, and advocates a non-nuclear Europe and an end to its division.

In common with others, Faber is ready to acknowledge that the peace movement has come rather late to the question of space weapons, and is not really ready to mobilise effective opposition. It recognises that mainstream political parties — and indeed governments — are in a better position to criticise Reagan's Star Wars programme than many peace activists.

Indisputably, the END convention largely sidetracked the issue of Star Wars, and indeed of nuclear disarmament itself. Still, licking their wounds from their defeat over the deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, the 1,200 or so men and women who came to Amsterdam were rather more occupied with topics ideas of self-supporting networks vis-à-vis the traditional power structures.

This was the fourth time that the European peace movements, and some of their friends from other continents, had gathered to take stock.

Last year, in Perugia, they found themselves only too orderly and divisive debate over the relationship between the peace movements in Western Europe and the

officially-sponsored peace groups of the Communist bloc. Dissidents from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe had not been given exit visas to attend.

Last week, in Amsterdam, the difficulty of divorcing peace campaigns from the individual's right to speak the truth had become one of the dominant themes. They acknowledged with some regret that President Reagan and the American Right, not to mention most West European governments, have long made the human rights theme their special concern. But, on the whole, the peace movement interprets this establishment concern as a tactical device for maintaining US "psychological occupation."

END's interest in dissidents, and human rights activists in the Communist world stems, they insist, from the need for a realisation that "there can be no external peace without internal peace."

This year, END did not invite any of the official Communist bloc peace groups to send representatives. In the event, a Romanian diplomat did turn up, and was given a polite, but cynical hearing as he delivered yet another message from President Ceausescu on how to bring the arms race to a halt.

But the main interest was in dialogue and cooperation with human rights activists. "Data from below" was a favourite concept with this convention. There was much talk about signing "individual peace treaties" between activists on both sides of the

iron curtain, as a way of "boring holes" that would eventually bring about its collapse.

The turn-out from Eastern Europe was hardly overwhelming. There were about ten Hungarians, and a dozen or so émigrés, Poles, East Germans and one Russian, a member of the Moscow Trust Group, who had very recently been forced to leave the Soviet Union.

The dissident message to the convention was not an easy one for the nuclear disarmamentists to absorb. The dissidents reminded their Western comrades that the "peace" slogan in Eastern Europe had become heavily devalued, because repressive governments had made it their own. One of the émigré Czechs insisted that sometimes it is actually better "to be dead than red," and most of them urged the Western peace movements to differentiate between the two superpowers, and not cast the Reagan Administration in the same evil dimension as the Soviet leadership.

Not all at the Amsterdam Convention could agree with the logic of space weapons. Some, however, one or two hardline Communist voices were heard to speak out and ask "Why all this preoccupation with free speech? What about the right to work, mass unemployment in the West, Mrs Thatcher's repression of the miners?"

The END Convention applied itself almost as assiduously to Third World, and "North-South" issues as to East-West relations. There

was general agreement that superpower rivalry in the Third World was one of the root causes of famine, and a key factor in the arms race.

In Amsterdam there was a widely held view that SDI was symbolic of technology running out of control, and that the logic of space weapons would be to make Europe "a battlefield to be sacrificed to any superpower conflict." But there was also considerable disagreement between those on the one hand who accept the need for technological progress, and are concerned to restrict it to civilian applications; while on the other hand, there was the view that technology is a false god, and that the peace movement should define its moral priorities quite differently.

After three days of soul-searching, the convention had comforted itself with the thought that the peace movements had fundamentally changed public awareness of nuclear issues. They were agreed that the political education process must continue. But they didn't seem to know whether they could, or should, transform themselves into conventional pressure groups working through, rather than against, the establishment to promote progressive ideas. An alternative would be to remain as outsiders, and to intensify "self-mobilisation." In fact, most appear to want both, making their own choice when to be outsiders, and when to be inside the conventional power structure.

Dan van der Vat finds a text for journalists in the Hitler diaries

Bunker bunk

THE CONVICTION of the forger Konrad Kujau and the reporter Gerd Heidemann by a Hamburg court in the Hitler's Diary fraud case yesterday officially closes the file on one of the worst journalistic failures of modern times, made no less serious by its high entertainment value.

Although hindsight makes it easy to see, there is no need for journalists to murmur after this scandal, "there but for the grace of God," because the exalted proprietorial and editorial personalities who fell for the swindle ignored the first precept of responsible journalism: check your sources.

The Hamburg news weekly Stern, for which Mr Heidemann then worked as an investigative reporter, paid DM 9.2m (£2.35m) for the 60 volumes of the Führer's alleged diaries, said to have been flown out of Berlin in the dying days of the war in an aircraft which crashed in East Germany.

This fancy piece of embroidery was prompted by a passage in the memoirs of a former SS-general which referred to such a flight taking some of Hitler's personal property out of his beleaguered capital.

Stern, having gone overboard for Heidemann's "scoop," sold the British and Commonwealth rights to the "diaries" for £250,000 to Times Newspapers Limited, where only a tiny handful of top executives, including the proprietor, Mr Rupert Murdoch, and his two editors, were in on the secret.

Unwilling to trust any mere working journalist who might know German, Nazi history and, more importantly, where to go for expert authentication, they remembered that they had a most exalted specialist "in house" — Lord Dacre, a national director of Times Newspapers and better known as Hugh Trevor-Roper, author of the classic, *The Last Days of Hitler*.

The unfortunate Master of Peterhouse examined a few of the volumes in a bank vault and said he thought they were genuine. Shortly after Stern and the Times trumpeted the sensational "find." Lord Dacre, not without moral courage, retracted, took the blame and admitted he had been too hasty in his judgment. Journalists well know the excitement of an alleged scoop generates a treacherous momentum of its own which encourages the suspension of that most valuable tool of the trade: scepticism.

Nevertheless, an ordinary reporter's first reaction would or should have been to seek a second, and if possible a third and a fourth opinion. That Lord Dacre did not do so was, ironically, probably because of his standing and his belief in himself as an expert. The Times Newspapers executives clearly took the view that if a Hugh Trevor-Roper was satisfied there was no need to look elsewhere.

But it took the West German Federal Archive in Koblenz no time at all to pronounce the documents forgeries. The paper was postwar and even the Nazi eagle on the covers of the volumes was facing the wrong way.

Meanwhile "Hitler's Diaries" join an embarrassingly lengthy list of journalistic scandals which includes such disasters as the Zinovief letter, the fake British Levland "slush fund" letter and the *harry* rerecital. "I find Martin Bormann," No doubt there will be others; but not many if we remember to "check and check again" before answering the siren call of the scoop.



DIARY

SAVOUR today's Daily Mail. Theresa (I can reveal) is just Sir David's decision not to use a colourful story concerning Mr Norman Lamont, the Junior Trade Minister, which was due to appear in the paper yesterday morning. But Sir David's decision not to use a colourful story concerning Mr Norman Lamont, the Junior Trade Minister, which was due to appear in the paper yesterday morning. But Sir David's decision not to use a colourful story concerning Mr Norman Lamont, the Junior Trade Minister, which was due to appear in the paper yesterday morning.

HARD luck, MORI. It's such a tricky business, this political stargazing. All down to local know-how. Feel of the territory. All credit to the BBC, whose internal news and current affairs minutes, show them to have been extremely sceptical of the MORI findings just before polling. The minutes add: "David Morris-Jones (head of news and current affairs, Cardiff) felt that a narrow Conservative victory was a more likely outcome."

THE British Medical Association and the DHSS are not going through one of their closest periods now. So it was to the irritation of both that Mr John Patten, junior health minister, should find himself in adjacent seats with Mr John Dawson, undersecretary at the BMA on a train to Walsingham. "I think I'll go to sleep," Mr Patten announced peremptorily. Five minutes later he opened one eye, stared distrustfully at Mr Dawson and demanded: "You wouldn't leave me to dose through Walsingham, would you now?"

AT LAST we have our pictures back, enabling me — by popular demand — to offer a photograph of Mr Bernard Murphy, the Cork Cream Sherry sandwichboard man who has been elected a city councillor and for whom £50,000 is now being raised to send him to Boston on behalf of Cork's 50th anniversary. The hat is characteristic. The grazes on the chin will leave to the imagination.

A TOUCHING divorce settlement has been reached between Mr Carl Bernstein, heroic veteran of Watergate (as played by Dustin Hoffman) and his wife, the novelist Nora Ephron.

Carl, it will be recalled, employed at one stage a John Ward Hunt-style Jay while the latter was wife of the former-UK ambassador to Washington, Mr Peter Jay. Ms Ephron duly penned a novel, *Heartburn*, about a writer wife whose husband enjoys such a dalliance. It was, says Ms Ephron, fiction. Yeah, yeah says Carl. "If Nora goes to the supermarket she uses it as material in her books."

Heartburn is now due to be filmed by Paramount and is to be played by Mandy Patinkin, who is reported to be not happy with the script. He still believes the book to be tasteless exploitation by his former wife. To be played, since you ask, by Meryl Streep.

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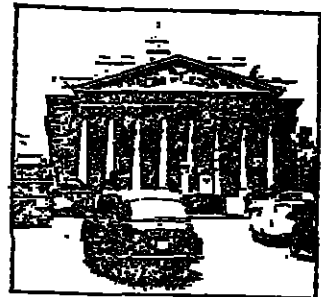
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A time to buy and a time to sell—and John Gunn has been a brilliant buyer



NOTEBOOK

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THE sale of Exco's stake in Telerate is one of those breathtaking deals which is either terribly right or terribly wrong.

It takes a very high degree of self-confidence by

John Gunn to sell what is, in much of the market's eyes, the principal asset of the group. Normal commercial managers don't make that kind of decision. It takes a Jacob Rothschild, or — an Owen Green, or a young Arnold Weinstock, to do that — though both these last two have been buyers, not sellers.

As far as John Gunn is concerned, you can say that he is merely proving that he is, by temperament, a trader. Businesses are for buying and selling. If you go down that line of discussion, you can emerge if you admire John Gunn's market judgment, with the conclusion that the sort of enterprise in which Telerate has made its name is a very good sell.

That does not mean that Britain's newspaper barons should necessarily seek to sell. Telerate's principal competitor, Reuters, as soon as they are able. But if you back

Gunn, it does mean that the whole electronic financial market dealing and information game will become much more competitive, and consequently less profitable. Reuters and Telerate are established market leaders in their field, with Telerate dominant in North America and Reuters in the rest of the world. They are selling into a boom business: financial services. But the services they sell are so immensely profitable that it seems inconceivable that others will not chip away at the edges.

Already AT&T, IBM (with Merrill Lynch), and big banking groups like Citicorp are nibbling at the edges. British Telecom is nosing around. It is not reasonable in any such market to expect the pioneers to retain their early dominance. Telerate is a tiny operation when set against something like IBM. But it is with the Dow Jones organisation and it looks a much more secure player.

There are other consider-

ations. A sale now in dollars is a sale at a still-advantageous exchange rate. It is an insurance policy for Exco against a dollar collapse. Even John Gunn, with his background in the money market, cannot tell us when the dollar will collapse. But it is quite clear that exchange rate considerations played some part in the decision. Don't make market judgments on what pundits say; make them on what market-wise traders do.

And finally there is a question: what will Exco do with the money? There is a lot of the stuff around these days, what with J. Rothschild and the financial field, and Lord Hannon in the world of commerce. A cash mountain of some \$350 million buys quite a lot. Exco could now dominate the world of merchant banking group for cash, if that is what it wanted to do.

It is an extraordinary not so long ago, a modest money brokerage firm. The

next move is almost more interesting than the last.

Priming a cut

TALKING of money swishing around, we get some money supply figures today. It is almost mathematically inescapable that sterling M3 could come into the target range. If it were to rise by the average expected by the market—a little under 11 per cent—we would be talking of year-on-year growth of around 10 per cent which is way over the top.

In fact the figures may well be quite a bit better than that. You have one adverse factor from the funds which were accumulated for the Abbey Life float, but the fund raising by the clearing banks has reduced the total. And those arcane influences, to the externals, may have been helpful.

In any case the authorities look the narrow measure of money, and at the exchange rate. Indeed if money

supply targets had never been invented, as we tried to judge the degree of monetary tightness or looseness by things like the exchange rate, equity prices and house prices, we would surely be saying that money must be very tight.

The exchange rate is extremely strong, particularly against the German mark. Equity prices have been extremely weak over the last month. And the rise in house prices seems to have stopped.

You can throw in the producer price index, too, if you feel good natured, together with forecasts of slackening economic growth next year. Against this array of indicators suggesting there should be a cut in interest rates comes real wages, retail prices and the oil price. (Though this last ought not to be so important, the fact remains that it is.)

Is there a moral? You have to distinguish between on the one hand a small, market-led cut

in interest rates, which if the money supply figures today are half-correct, could come very soon; and on the other hand, a more sizable cut—say the 2 per cent the CBI wants—for which the signals are still confused.

You can make a good intellectual case for another couple of months' caution on the second, and still sanction the small, market-led cut as an interim sweetener.

Slick move

AND THE oil price? Potentially the most significant decision to come out of the Opec meeting over last weekend was the undertaking not to discount prices. It is discounting which has led to much of the over-production of Opec in recent months.

But for Saudi Arabia, which has been producing little more than about half its allowance recently, the organisation would have drowned the market in oil. The Saudis, who know a

thing or two about making an impact in the Western press, have taken a good deal of credit for their "self-restraint".

But "cheating" on quotas — for discounting enables producer nations to cheat — will not end until Opec quotas reflect more accurately the needs of the countries involved.

When the quotas system was first devised in early 1983, the Saudis ensured that it reflected past production rather than the size or population of the country concerned. Thus Saudi Arabia got a quota of 4.35 million barrels a day but only has a population of 10.4 million, while Nigeria, with a population of 84 million, is only entitled to produce 1.3 million barrels a day. They is the dilemma that was dodged in Vienna. Outlawing discounting is rather like trying to stop murders by withdrawing fire-arms. The organisation has got it only works if everyone hands in the guns.

Proceeds of sale help create £350m fund for acquisitions

Exco sells 52pc stake in Telerate for \$460 million

By Peter Rodgers,
City Editor

Exco International, the financial services group, surprised the stock market yesterday by selling its entire 52 per cent stake in the US financial information firm Telerate for \$460 million in cash. Exco was bought by Dow Jones, publishers of the Wall Street Journal, and Oklahoma Publishing.

The proceeds of \$425 million after US taxes when added to Exco's existing \$30 million cash resources will give it total spending power for expansion and acquisitions of \$250 million.

Chief executive Mr John Gunn said the sale was not undertaken to fund the purchase of something new but "because we decided this was the right thing to do." Exco has got six times as much out of Telerate as it put in.

With this much cash in the pocket, speculation was rife in the City about what Mr Gunn would buy. He firmly denied that it would be a bank or an investment house such as the new dealing conglomerates being built up in the City, because Exco was sticking to its philosophy of not taking dealing positions.

He added, "We are not rushing around trying to place this money desperately." He believed it could take two to three years to spend it on the type of financial service and agency business in which Exco prefers to invest.

The most preferred developments would be start-ups and private acquisitions, he said. One small example is a prop-

erty-based merchant bank about to be set up with £10 million capital, jointly with London and Edinburgh Trust.

Exco said that Telerate was operating in a sector where the emphasis was increasingly on developing "at very high cost" a wide range of technologically advanced information and communications products. As a financial services firm, its scope to enhance Telerate's operations was likely to become "increasingly limited."

The City has voiced concern recently that Telerate has not quite lived up to growth expectations, while a number of major competitors are emerging, including AT&T, IBM, major US banks and of course the existing Reuters competition. Telerate would require much more cash for investment which would probably have forced Exco to drop back below 50 per cent control.

Exco itself, a £5 million management buy-out in 1979, was floated for £56 million in November 1981 and is now capitalised at £460 million. Though the sale price represents 135p a share, 110p more than the book value of Telerate, the share price closed 8p down at 189p after initial sharp gains.

Telerate has been sold at a high price-earnings ratio of 25 to 1 based on forecast earnings. Analysis said that with so much cash Exco could be vulnerable to a bid. Though Telerate dominated its pre-tax profits, Exco's net profits came 60 per cent from other businesses such as money broking.

Inmos to shed 500 jobs

By Peter Large,
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About 500 of the 2,000 employees of the microchip firm Inmos are likely to be made redundant, according to a spokesman. The cuts would affect middle and senior executives already sacked.

Inmos, launched by the last Labour government to put Britain into the mainstream of the microchip business, is now part of the Thorn-EMI group. It made a profit of £14.4 million last year on a £111 million turnover, but has since been hit by the world slump in microchip sales.

Mr Harold Mourgue, chairman of Inmos and a vice-chairman of Thorn-EMI, said last night that they needed to cut costs by \$20 million, as part of that, the "initial thinking" was that manpower would have to be cut by a quarter.

He said the redundancies would go right through the ranks, involving professionals as well as production workers. The cuts would be about equal between the American operation in Colchester Springs and the UK operations, a factory at Newport, Gwent, and headquarters at Bristol.

Most of the sacked executives were at the US end, and Mr Mourgue said this reflected the need to make Inmos a company and remove duplication. They had found good young people to promote.

Mr Dick Petritz, one of the American founders of Inmos, has already left but the British founding partner, Mr Ian Barron, is staying as chief strategist. Mr Mourgue said that although the Transputer — the Inmos version of a complete computer in one microchip — should have been ready six months ago, pre-production manufacturing at Newport had produced impressive results.

The Transputer would be on the market this year. Inmos's new chief executive, Mr Douglas Stevenson, a Briton who used to head ITT's microchip operations, has in this first two months put together a strategy which confirms that Inmos will leave the mass market of storage chips called dynamic RAMs. But it will continue developments in the more specialised business of static RAMs.

An Inmos statement yesterday emphasised that in the phasing out of direct manufacture of dynamic RAMs customers would continue to be supported and supplied.

As chairman last year to December 12 Mr Gadd received a £56,000 salary increase, taking his pay to £108,000. Mr Michael Palliser, installed as chairman on December 13, was paid £3,000 for his work until the end of the financial year, December 31.

Mr Palliser's tenure as Montagu chairman took the bank from a rather jaded merchant banking operation into one of the major players in the City revolution. The main differences of opinion between himself and Midland and Aetna centred on to what extent they would be involved in running the bank. Mr Gadd said that Montagu should stay autonomous and at one stage was contemplating setting up a management buy-out.

Mr Alistair Buchanan will be giving up the chairmanship of Cater Allain Holdings to head up the new gills primary dealership at Morgan Grenfell. Mr Buchanan, a former director of Life, became chairman of Cater in 1981.

Factory gate prices show modest rise

By Christopher Huhne,
Economics Correspondent

The government's hopes that the recent rise in the inflation rate to 7 per cent will be reversed later this year received new backing yesterday from surprisingly modest figures for factory gate prices.

Manufacturers' output prices rose by only 0.1 per cent in June to show a rise over the year of 5.6 per cent, down from the rates of over 6 per cent recorded during the winter, according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

Manufacturers' fuel and raw material costs actually fell in June by 1.1 per cent, reflecting the recent rebound of sterling which has cut import prices already depressed by

weak commodity markets. The inflation of both input and output prices surprised many City analysts.

Manufacturing now accounts for less than a quarter of national output so that these figures no longer have a decisive influence on retail prices. Moreover, the time lag between changes in factory prices and changes in shop prices is three to four months. But every little bit helps.

The Government's budgeting forecast was for inflation in the shops to fall back to 5 per cent in the fourth quarter, though the Chancellor recently reacted to the unexpected recent surge in inflation by adding downwards his expectations to a move "towards 5 per cent."

One fear is that the run-up in retail price inflation from 4.6 per cent in December to 7 per cent in May will adversely affect wage settlements, which are already creeping upwards despite companies' inability to absorb them as fully as before due to the productivity slowdown.

The influence of the recent recovery of sterling is particularly marked in the figures for manufacturers' costs of fuels and raw materials, when the annual rate has fallen from 10 per cent at its peak in February to only 2.3 per cent in June.

These figures, which are not seasonally adjusted, may slightly overestimate the deceleration in price rises since electricity unit costs to industry

jump in the autumn and fall in the spring, reflecting winter tariffs.

But the slowdown is also impressive over the year. Last June's rise in input prices was 8.4 per cent, nearly four times the equivalent figure this year. Though the rising pound is good news on inflation, it also tends to undermine British companies' competitiveness against foreign imports and in foreign markets.

Meanwhile the dollar gained strength against the pound and other key currencies yesterday as the market appeared to shrug off fears of a collapsing Opec oil cartel in favour of London's lucrative interest rates.

Sterling moved up 80 points to close at \$1.3382 and also

fell against the Deutschmark to close at DM 4.0006, the first time the pound has reached the DM4 level since September 1983.

Another small psychological hurdle was leapt when the dollar fell through the DM3 level for the first time since the DM2.9945, down from DM3.0060.

The weakness of the American currency was said to reflect "rumours" that the second estimate of US growth would be revised downwards, and that the Federal Reserve might react with a further discount rate cut.

Sterling's trade-weighted index against major trading partners moved sharply ahead on the day closing at 82.2 from 82 overnight and 81.7 at one stage during the day's trading.

Markets unmoved by Opec pact to halt price cutting

From John Hooper
in Vienna

Opec's undertaking to halt price cutting failed yesterday to rally world oil markets. Traders had already discounted the possibility of an unconvincing or inclusive outcome to the Opec talks, which ended here on Sunday night, so there was little change in spot prices.

It should take a couple of days for the implications of the cartel's curious three-day price-cutting exercise to be fully digested, but it seems likely that prices will remain more or less stable while dealers wait for the result of Opec's full conference in Geneva in two weeks.

Unless the big oil companies,

whose reserves are now at their lowest level for several years, start building up their stocks again, the route for prices is downwards. The market is now doggedly cynical, and on the basis of what little has been said in Vienna yesterday, that attitude is fully justified.

Professor Tam David-West, the Nigerian Oil Minister, reinforced the belief that the promise on price cuts may be barely worth the paper it was written on by declaring: "If we find that another country does not obey the rules we will not feel obliged to obey the rules."

The threat of Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Oil Minister, hovered over the delegates throughout the talks "like a sword on the neck," said one Gulf delegate.

Yesterday, he kept the threat neatly in place. He said that the Saudis would not boost production before the Geneva conference, but that Saudi Arabia "isn't any longer Opec's swing producer."

He said the subject of a fixed quota for the kingdom had been discussed, and there was no resistance to the figure of 4.35 million barrels a day. This fully contradicted the assertion by his Algerian counterpart that Saudi Arabia did not have a quota.

Two further questions left unresolved by the final state-

ment were cleared by Professor David-West. He said that the cartel had a timetable for the phasing out of barter deals by the end of December. The proposal for a seasonally adjusted ceiling on Opec's production, which has apparently been shelved for the next couple of weeks at least, involved a proposal for fluctuations up to 7 per cent above and below the present limit of 16 million barrels a day.

The slide in prices would build up into an avalanche if Saudi Arabia were to carry out its threat.

Last month, the Saudis produced only 2.3 to 2.3 million barrels a day. In the share-out of quotas agreed last October,

Saudi Arabia was not given a figure as such. But the gap between the Saudis' actual production and what they regard as their entitlement is immense.

Until recently, they were prepared to accept a modest discount in their price as the cartel's "swing producer," but in the period leading up to the Vienna talks, with the Saudis' economy beginning to suffer from the drop in oil revenues, Sheikh Yamani warned that unless other Opec member states curbed excess production, Saudi Arabia would produce up to its allotted output.

This would flood the market and provoke a price collapse that might well break Opec.

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Britain bows to EEC

From Derek Brown
in Brussels

The British Government has accepted tough new EEC standards on car exhaust pollution. The decision, announced here yesterday at a meeting of community finance ministers, is expected to bring howls of protest from BL and other UK car makers, who will have to invest heavily in new plant and equipment to conform with the standards.

The EEC rules aim to cut toxic fumes from cars by the

mid-1990s to levels roughly comparable with those in the US. Bigger cars with engines over two litres will be affected first, from 1988.

The British industry has argued that the new standards and timetable are too strict, and that they will impose a huge cost burden on manufacturers and consumers. Mr Ray Horrocks, chief executive of BL cars, has claimed the new standards could add £1,000 to the cost of a family car — a figure hotly disputed by environmentalists.

Montagu chief gets £137,000 pay-off

By Margaret Pagano

Compensation of £137,000 has been paid to Mr Stamford Gadd, the former chairman of Samuel Montagu, who resigned in December over policy clashes with the bank's two main shareholders.

Mr Gadd's departure was prompted by disagreements over how much independence Montagu should have from its shareholders — Midland Bank and Aetna Life and Casualty, the US insurance group. With three years of his contract to run Mr Gadd said at the time he preferred to resign amicably and pursue other interests.

As chairman last year to December 12 Mr Gadd received a £56,000 salary increase, taking his pay to £108,000. Mr Michael Palliser, installed as chairman on December 13, was paid £3,000 for his work until the end of the financial year, December 31.

Mr Palliser's tenure as Montagu chairman took the bank from a rather jaded merchant banking operation into one of the major players in the City revolution. The main differences of opinion between himself and Midland and Aetna centred on to what extent they would be involved in running the bank. Mr Gadd said that Montagu should stay autonomous and at one stage was contemplating setting up a management buy-out.

Mr Alistair Buchanan will be giving up the chairmanship of Cater Allain Holdings to head up the new gills primary dealership at Morgan Grenfell. Mr Buchanan, a former director of Life, became chairman of Cater in 1981.

Posgate on the way back after appeal

By Peter Rodgers

WITH millionaire novelist Jeffrey Archer demanding to be the first name on his new syndicate, banner Lloyd's underwriter... Mr Ian "Goldfinger" Posgate said yesterday that he expected to return to the market in six months' time.

This followed a decision by the Lloyd's Appeal Tribunal, presided over by Lord Wilberforce, to set aside a Lloyd's disciplinary committee decision to expel him from the exchange.

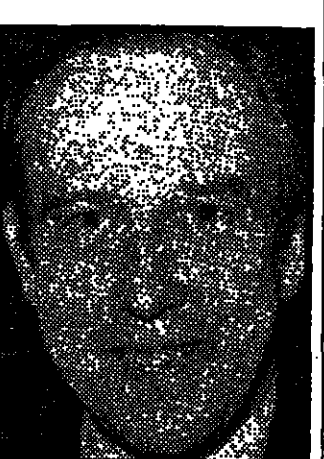
Instead, Lord Wilberforce has given a six-month suspension from Lloyd's, the date of confirmation of the decision. Mr Posgate has been out of active underwriting for nearly three years since his original expulsion relating to the Alexander Rowden insurance scandal, and his victory is likely to be a shock to some senior Lloyd's members.

Mr Posgate's new penalty is believed to have been suggested by the council of Lloyd's which will today publish the full report of the original disciplinary committee on Mr Posgate, Mr Kenneth Grob and two others involved in the affair. It will be accompanied by Lord Wilberforce's decision overturning the expulsion. A plea to the council from Mr Posgate for permission to return to underwriting immediately was rejected by the council.

Mr Posgate said he plans to buy an underwriting agency and added: "I have three existing agencies lined up." He would not say which, except that none of the Rowden agencies was involved. He said he was not welcome at the agency which bears his name, Posgate and Denby, where he has 51 per cent of the equity but only 25 per cent of the votes. So he plans to buy one of the smaller agencies with between 100 and 200 names and £2 million to £5 million underwriting capacity.

Mr Posgate also said he was hoping to buy an agency from his own resources for cash, even though he has spent £500,000 on legal costs in fighting Lloyd's, of which he will recoup only £100,000 from the council as costs spread over three main cases. Lord Wilberforce has ordered Lloyd's to pay £15,000 of Mr Posgate's costs in the appeal. Mr Posgate said that with Lloyd's total legal fees were over £1 million over the last hearings.

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Telex to have £70m facelift

By Peter Large,
Technology Correspondent

British Telecom is spending £70 million on modernising its telex network. When the £70m business, said that the telex communications authorities of Germany and France could follow this policy because they were still state monopolies. BT was not now in a position to be monopolistic and set up a separate telex network.

Mr O'Hara said that telex — which began commercially in 1922 and connects 200 countries — would be the core of

message sending for many years to come. Customers had major investments in it. Germany's telex demand was still expanding. He agreed that demand for telex was growing in the City and big business but said that that demand could be met in parallel with telex.

Dr O'Hara's most interesting argument was that France and Germany may have got it wrong. By 1990 international communications standards might be established which would replace the telex by a more advanced system.

It would then be irrelevant whether networks were dealing from personal computers, or with public telex, or with exchanging masses of computer data.

Dr O'Hara was speaking at a ceremony to mark the connection of BT's 100,000th telex customer. The current state of play in the £70 million modernisation is that of the UK's 47 telex exchanges, 32 still rely on the old electro-mechanical methods and 15 have been replaced by nine computerised exchanges.

A green light giving the go-ahead to Burton's £430 million bid is expected from the government later today.

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Biggest—but it's fighting for survival

Margareta Pagano on the problems facing New York Stock Exchange and its plans to defeat its rivals and keep its own business out front



Phelan — winning ways

GAZING down on to the exchange floor is like peering in on a preview of the latest Star Wars movie — set among the chaos of a bookies on Grand National day.

On any one day about 1,800 brokers and specialists, blue-robed and green-coated clerks and reporters crowd on the New York Stock Exchange floor — its blue room, garage and futures rooms. By the close of seemingly endless frenetic trading it is knee-deep in paper, despite the technology.

Hitech screens suspended on mechanical arms claw their way out of the specialist's boxes high into the roof like electronic scaffolding. Prices flash across the screens faster than the eye can blink.

Noise levels are enough to make you run for cover after about two seconds. Traders are experimenting with touch screens, which may help the dealers. But the more recent introduction of voice activation for reading out prices will probably put up the count again.

This is the trading floor of the world's largest market, a market which is fighting for its life. Competition has been thrust upon it from various sources. Even though millions have been spent on bringing the NYSE into the forefront of dealing technology it is still branded by

many in the US as a staid one-product business which has failed to catch up with the array of fast-expanding global financial services.

On the surface it all looks wonderful. The exchange is still the world's largest market. The value of all the companies traded on the Big Board — \$16 billion — is many times greater than all the world's other exchanges and domestic rivals like the over-the-counter market and the American Stock Exchange put together.

Over the last five years about \$110 million has been spent on automating the exchange to give it the fastest, and some say, most efficient dealing network. This is based on the EASY Do 250 system which can route up to 1,000 shares and execute them in less than 75 seconds. Via the Intermarket Trading System the Big Board is linked to eight other exchanges, connecting all the specialists in the same stock.

And with the leap into technology the exchange is setting new records. One day last August it traded 236 million shares—volume which would have been quite unobtainable five years ago. The daily average is now running at over 100 million shares—compared with 32 million five years ago. A couple of months ago the ex-

change opened up on a Saturday and set the computers to the test: simulated trading showed the network can easily handle 400 million shares a day.

But the challenges to the Big Board to maintain its premier position, at home and overseas, are severe. John Phelan, no-nonsense head of the NYSE, is widely credited with dragging the exchange into the new technological era and balancing the multitude of conflicts. Chairman of the exchange for just over a year, he sees it as a modern business enterprise which must compete on all fronts if it is to survive. He has done much to shake up the old club monopoly mentality.

First, one of the most critical pressures facing the exchange is to keep companies listed on the Big Board. As the might of the exchange has declined so has its power to attract companies because of the waning prestige of a Big Board listing. Over the last decade the number of companies listed has remained more or less static at around 1,500. The numbers have been growing but the explosive growth in mergers, acquisitions and takeovers has offset those joining. At the same time the numbers of companies joining the National Association of Securities Dealers over-the-counter

market has burgeoned to over 4,000.

There are two main reasons why the Big Board's allure has declined. Many companies are finding they can live without the exchange's strict disclosure requirements and have been able to raise capital just as cheaply and swiftly via NASD. Companies such as Apple, Intel and even the UK Reuters group have all chosen to stay with the over-the-counter, though once it was demonstrable that top class status had been achieved by going on the Big Board.

Argument over one-share, one-vote and different classes of shares with voting rights has been another problem. The growth of takeovers has led to many companies wanting to issue new classes of shares which do not carry voting rights — something which is banned by the exchange. This has led to many companies — like General Motors, Dow Jones and Hershey — threatening to leave the exchange unless it changes its rules. This is still the subject of congressional hearings but the exchange is likely to stick to its guns over shareholder democracy.

So one of Mr Phelan's top priorities is to launch aggressive marketing tactics. Only recently the exchange advertised in the press that it had

launched a major new listing. Another priority is to get overseas companies — particularly from the UK — to list. Listings are crucial since they are the major source of revenue to the exchange. Companies pay between \$50,000 and \$120,000 for a listing and provide annual revenue. Big companies obviously attract the biggest volume in trading, and the exchange gets 13 cents for every 100 shares traded.

Probably the most crucial issue facing NYSE is the future of specialists which are central to the exchange's auction system of dealing but whose role is being eroded by advances in technology. Prices on the NYSE are determined by an auction in front of the specialist by the floor brokers who represent customer orders. For years the specialists have not handled big block trades, nor do they handle the small orders which are now fully automated.

One of the fiercest critics of the specialist system is NASD, which argues that its own dealer-to-dealer system — with competing prices over the telephone — is far superior to a shop floor-based people market. Many experts forecast that the need for specialists who risk their own capital to maintain a fair market will wither away with further advances

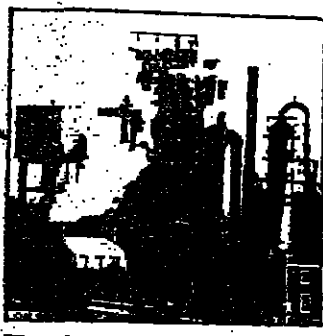
in technology. The biggest difference between the two is that prices on NASD can vary since there is no central market.

But Mr Phelan, who himself came up through the specialist route, believes that there is a place for specialists through the growth of medium-size business which will offset any loss of business at the small and top ends.

He argues that the auction system is far more sophisticated, and offers a better price, than the dealer-to-dealer multi-price system. And, reminiscent of London's recent changes, the NYSE is now considering whether it should allow brokers to take control of specialists which would inject much-needed capital into the system.

Phelan is also acutely aware of the need to be in with the winners in the drive towards the internationalisation of securities and the round-the-clock trading support systems which this will require. He is also carving Wall Street up for extended trading hours to compete with both domestic and other world exchanges. But one of the most interesting issues over the coming months will be how far the London Stock Exchange and the NYSE go in their attempts to link up to ensure market share in the rapidly changing world.

Brothers under the skin find a grey area



WORKING BRIEF

THE BITTER squabble within the Labour Party about black sections is fast spilling over into the trade union movement. The one issue which excited serious debate at this weekend's TUC conference, Trade Unions and Black Workers, was the question of how far those defined as "black" are to be allowed to organise themselves within and across traditional union boundaries.

The discussion paper prepared for the conference by TUC staff is cautious in the extreme about this new development. It is easy to understand why. The distinguishing feature of British trade unionism has been its all-embracing quality. We have avoided the divorce between competing Communist, democratic socialist and Roman Catholic unionism which has divided so many continental union movements. We have never had, in any serious sense, "Jewish" trade unions.

But now, as the TUC paper notes, "black member groups or caucuses" are emerging within unions. For

John Torode notes the demands for black sections within trade unions

the most part those groups seek to operate, informally, inside their own unions. The difference between such groups and, say, the Catholic or Communist groups which operate within unions like the AUEW and the TGWU is that their members make no attempt to keep their collective heads down.

Indeed "black activists" these days is fast becoming a passport to Parliament, or at least, a job with some local authority advisory unit.

Most unions take the view that such groups must be unofficial—although Nalge has flirted with the idea of constitutionally recognised black sections. What is disturbing is the new attempt to link black groups across union frontiers. To most established union leaders this comes dangerously close to creating a machine whose purpose it is to subordinate the interests of particular unions to the interests of specific groups within competing unions. And that is the first step towards a black TUC made up of breakaway black unions.

This worry comes close to the heart of race relations at work. In any trade union activists would recoil from the proposition that Freemasons, or Catholics, or Communists should come together across union boundaries to argue the case of their own kind at the expense of the interests of other members of their own union.

Yet equally, most union activists would claim the right of shop stewards to form union lines, to promote the interests of, say, all Ford workers or all workers in the chemical industry. That

battle was won a quarter of a century ago.

So how should we view black sections? The first thing that needs to be said is that, both in employment and in trade union involvement, the system discriminates against blacks.

According to the TUC, unemployment in 1982 was around 13 per cent for white men and 10 per cent for white women. For West Indians the figures were 25 per cent and 16 per cent respectively. Asians levelled out at 20 per cent.

As for earnings, the median figure for white men is about £20 higher than the median figure for West Indian males and £18 higher than the median for Asian men.

Next, there is plenty of evidence that unions do not adequately involve blacks. According to a major study by the Policy Studies Institute published last year, black workers are more inclined to join unions than are their white counterparts. (This of course, reflects the type of jobs black workers tend to hold.) Concentrate on males for statistical brevity. Some 57 per cent of white workers join unions, compared with 64 per cent of West Indians and 59 per cent of Asians.

When you get down to percentages attending union meetings within the previous six months, the figures are whites 55 per cent, West Indians 23 per cent, Asians 25 per cent. And the percentage holding elective office is whites 6 per cent, West Indians 2 per cent, Asians 3 per cent. As for full-time officers, all but a handful are either WASPs or of Jewish origin.

In simple terms, "immigrants" provide the foot soldiers of trade unionism. The "host community" provides the NCOs and the officer corps.

Black trade unionists are not fools and they are not blind. They know there is something wrong and they resent it. The TUC West Midlands Regional Council recently conducted a pioneering study into racial attitudes in unions. It indicates that black workers see unions as "white organisations" which are either indifferent or hostile to the concerns of black people.

In principle I have my doubts about such studies. Those who ask the questions and those who give the answers too often seem determined to conclude that white institutions (including unions) are racist and black people are deeply embittered. In practice, however, this study seems more measured than most.

One of the problems about race and employment is the question of "ethnic monitoring". The Commission for Racial Equality and most ethnic minority pressure groups are in favour of forcing companies to keep records which show how many of this, that and the other racial grouping they employ, how many applied for jobs and how many are promoted. The argument is that without such monitoring you cannot tell whether your policies are fair or not. Only by monitoring can you identify problems and then have a start on solving them out.

Some of the more militant racial groups oppose monitoring because—to be blunt about it—they do not trust

the monitors. If the boss, the state or the "white" trade union can finger the aliens who are swamping us, you can bet your bottom dollar that the information will not be used to the benefit of the minority they say.

Traditionally unions have opposed racial monitoring on old-fashioned grounds of colour blindness. It is a mistake to underestimate the conservative decency of trade union activists. Many of them genuinely feel it would be quite appalling to stick dirty great racial labels on people. I don't want to know whether Brother Baggins is black, brown or Jewish. Does he pay his union dues and attend branch meetings? Is he up to his job?

Yet we now have the paradoxical position under which the CRE, with the TUC trailing along behind, is demanding continuous and systematic ethnic monitoring by employers.

Even so, according to the TUC discussion paper, not one single union has instituted a system of racial record keeping and ethnic monitoring for its own employees.

Why can this be? Are unions more racist than big companies? Or more conservative and cautious? Or do union leaders feel deep down, that it is insulting and discriminatory to grade their staff by colour of skin? And, if racial record keeping is impermissible, why should the TUC attempt to force it upon employers?

Such fundamental questions and not anguished debate over the role of black pressure groups, should now occupy supposedly colour blind unionists.

Shock offensive against inflation

BRAZILIANS' traditional inferiority complex towards the Argentinians, somewhat modified by the Falklands fiasco, is being fully felt again after President Alfonsín's daring offensive against hyper-inflation.

While in Brazil inflation is still being hesitantly treated by gradualistic means, Alfonsín adopted a shock treatment which was, ironically, proposed by the Brazilians in the first place. His move is being carefully watched in Brazil, where it is seen as a unique experiment in dealing with chronic hyper-inflation, now an epidemic in Latin America.

If Alfonsín's shock treatment succeeds, Brazil will almost certainly adopt a similar course. But if the shock therapy fails, Argentina, Brazilians will stick to their gradualistic approach, even if results are poor.

This gradualistic therapy is not painless just because it is gradual. Last week President Jose Sarney announced a new round of cuts in public spending.

It is a repeat of a situation already seen too many times. The "New Republic," as President Sarney's civilian government calls itself, has adopted a gradualistic version of price freezing that in two months has reduced the expected rate of inflation from 400 per cent-plus to 200 per cent or less.

This is widely seen as a victory for Sarney because it has removed the risk of inflation jumping to the 1,000 per cent yearly rate that led Alfonsín to change from gradualism to shock treatment. But the freeze is now coming to an end, and no measures were taken to deal with the causes of inflation, besides the new round of cuts in public spending.

These are being fiercely opposed by the anti-monetarist wing of the ruling coalition. The anti-monetarists claim that public money has been spent mostly to pay interest on both the external and the

domestic debt, and that as interest payments cannot be withheld, only a long-term rescheduling of debt—including the capitalization of part of interest payments—could really help to reduce non-productive spending, putting an end to hyper-inflation.

The idea that the gradualistic therapy now has to tackle interest payments won wide support within the government. Last week the governor of the central bank, Carlos Lourenço, went to New York for a meeting with Mr Rhodes, the coordinator of the creditor banks' advisory committee, in which he probably probed Rhodes on the idea of capitalization of part of the interest.

Many Brazilian economists see as the weak point of the Argentinian shock therapy the fact that they did not reschedule their foreign debt, therefore cannot eliminate what is seen as the fundamental cause of this type of hyper-inflation.

There is also criticism on the lack of a defined public spending reorganization, and doubts about the disposition of workers and companies to accept a prolonged price freeze.

If the prices rate starts again, the new currency will be undermined, in the same way as the old currency.

Francisco Lopes, the Brazilian economist who first proposed the therapy adopted by the Argentinians—a total price freeze combined with the introduction of a new currency—is convinced that it will succeed. He says the main cause of this kind of inflation is not material but psychological, and that therefore a psychological shock is the appropriate therapy.

The eventual success of this therapy would demolish the traditional monetarist belief, deep-rooted in Latin America, that inflation had to be fought through recession.

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In his Statement on the 1985 Accounts, Sir Jack Wellings, CBE, said:

I am pleased to report a very substantial increase in our pre-tax profits over the previous four years. All three divisions made significant contributions. The most outstanding was machine tools which produced a trading profit before tax of £3.5 million compared with a loss of £2 million last year. The improvement in trading shown at the beginning of the year has continued in both home and export markets with our exports from the United Kingdom increasing by £10 million to £72 million. Overall, this was a much improved result with a substantial profit arising from our trading activities.

The consolidation of our existing investment in the machine tool industry has been furthered by a number of acquisitions which includes the recently announced purchase of the Industrial Distribution Group of Clausing Corporation in the U.S.A., a leading distributor of machine tools operating from coast to coast with strategically placed warehouses and selling through over 150 machine tool merchants, and the 73.2% of the shares, not already owned, in F. Pratt Engineering Corporation PLC, a manufacturer of workholding equipment marketed internationally.

The results of last year showed a marked improvement in the Group's performance and this is still continuing. Our order books are strong and we look to further progress.

Salient figures: Years to 31st March	
1985	1984
Sales	£500m
U.K. Exports included	187,320
Total Profit before tax	71,791
Profit attributable to stockholders	10,548
Ordinary Stock Dividend per Unit	5.50p
Net Asset Value per Ordinary Stock Unit	177p

Ten Year Export Performance
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The hunger for profits is creating famine in Africa



ALTERNATIVES
Harford Thomas

YOU can tell when a great new debate is coming to the boil. It begins to throw out new slogans and catch-phrases. So, in the context of spreading famine in Africa, we hear of a man-made disaster, of environmental bankruptcy, of environmental refugees.

Talking of the obstacles to economic development we find an Oxford Professor of Economics referring to "a crisis of entitlement," of which more later.

Famine is a man-made disaster? These are the opening words of a recently published book from the Independent Commission on International Human Issues (modelled rather on the lines of the Brandt Commission), and that is its title.

While the Commission dodges a direct yes or no answer to its own question, the evidence it presents any jury would answer yes.

And its co-chairman says: "It is our considered opinion that what is happening in Africa today can very well happen in other parts of the globe tomorrow. As forests retreat and deserts advance, as threats to essential life-support systems increase and ecological fragility grows, so will the vulnerability of the human race."

"If man continues in the prodigal use of resources and to struggle against nature instead of co-operating with it to improve the quality of life, no continent may be spared the kind of problems now facing Africa."

The same idea is implicit in the titles of the two latest books from Earthscan, the research wing of the International Institute for Environment and Development.

They are *Natural Disasters, sub-titled Acts of God or acts of Man?* and *Africa in Crisis, sub-titled The Causes, the Cures of Environmental Bankruptcy*.

One could go on adding to this spot-check on the mood of development professionals. Oxfam has a report bluntly titled *Cultivating Hunger: an Oxfam Study of Food, Power and Poverty*. On its first page it says: "Something has gone terribly wrong with our world food system. More than enough food is being produced to feed the entire population of the planet, but the food is increasingly out of the reach of the poor. It is not food that is in short supply, but simple justice."

To which I would add, and development economics. So this debate broadens out into a challenge to the world's economic and financial systems, and more particularly to the ideological obsession with free market economics prevailing in the US, the

UK, and some other countries of the rich western world.

What has happened is that the prescription for economic growth on the western model for developing countries has proved cruelly perverse and even disastrous. In practice the scriptural saying applies with deadly exactness: To them that have shall be given and more they shall have not shall be taken away even that which they have.

Allowing for some oversimplification, the experience of a typical low income developing country — and most of sub-Saharan Africa falls into that category — has been this. It borrowed heavily to promote development in the 1970s, and was encouraged to do so, but little of this investment reached the rural areas.

By the end of the 1970s debt servicing and repayment had become a heavy liability, siphoning off funds which might otherwise have gone into development.

The terms of trade moved against the developing country. Inflation drove up the price of oil and of manufac-

tures from industrial countries. Recession depressed the prices of developing country exports of raw materials and cash crops.

By this time much of the best land for food growing held by peasant farmers had been bought up by big enterprises, sometimes foreign multinationals, for the cash crop export trade. The small farmer became a landless peasant, or was driven off on to marginal land.

This process accelerated in the last five years, with the encouragement of governments, and even of aid agencies, because more export earnings were needed to balance the trade accounts. And some entrepreneurs made a hefty profit at it.

In some African countries you may find cash crop farms growing strawberries or carnations for export to luxury markets in Europe while there is rock bottom poverty only a short walk away.

Once that is conceded, the argument for

deal of agreement about that, particularly among the aid-giving governments. They and the NGOs an effective channel for transmitting funds through to the grass roots.

All this drags the argument back to the choice of economic policy. The free market lobby still insists that the operation of trade, both foreign and internal, can be relied upon to get an economy on the road to development, and the more completely it is left to the business of profit making the better. The evidence is beginning to look otherwise.

The exploitation of good soil for commercial cash crops rather than for local food supplies is a major cause of ever deeper impoverishment of the already poor. It often is a cause of environmental degradation, and sets off a stream of migrant refugees. It can turn out to be a form of re-colonisation of countries so recently independent.

At the opposite ideological extreme, centralised state control is generally ineffectual, often tyrannous, and biased towards its own urban elite, and indifferent to the needs of the peasant farmer for a fair price for his produce.

A new and constructive focus for development would be to set up priorities for local action, for small projects rather than big ones, with adequate self-sufficiency in food as a main immediate target.

And what about the drought? Droughts have happened through the centuries in Africa but the traditional peasant people of the dry lands knew how to cope. Turning drought into famine on the unprecedented scale of 1984 and 1985 is something new. Market economics has been the driving force of this man-made disaster.

Sources Famine: A Man Made Disaster is a Pan paperback; Earthscan paperbacks are available from a Endsleigh Street, London WC1H 0DD: Jon Tinker, Director of Earthscan, analyses environmental bankruptcy in the Spring number of the quarterly People, from 18-20 Lower Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PW; Oxfam paperbacks from 274 Banbury Road, Oxford.

THE Secretary for Wales, Mr Nicholas Edwards, apologised yesterday in the Commons for his Brecon byelection gaffe when he linked the mentally handicapped with the Tories' opponents.

Protests followed his references at the Welsh Conservative Conference to the Alliance and Labour campaigns as a mixture between "the Mafia and the mentally handicapped." He had added: "None of their candidates are allowed out without a minder, nor are they allowed to answer the questions put to them."

Challenged in the Commons yesterday to apologise, Mr Edwards told MPs that his remarks had been off the cuff. He went on: "I have written to a number of people to express my regret and apologise."

Mr Ray Powell (Lab, Ogmore) had told Mr Edwards that his conference remarks were an insult to the mentally handicapped.

Mr Edwards said: "I should not have made that remark. For someone who has introduced a major bill for the improvement and care of the mentally handicapped and has a close relative who is mentally handicapped, I am sure I must have done it to cause offence."

Wales featured in the first question time since last week's Alliance victory, with Government and Opposition attacking each other for their failure to win the seat.

Mr Edwards said that all parties should carefully consider the Brecon result. He said the Labour Party will consider the total panic of the electorate when they thought they might actually elect a Labour MP, and who can blame them.

Mr Edwards Welsh Secretary, Mr Barry Jones, said the Brecon voters had brutally dismissed Mr Edwards' policies.

He accused Mr Edwards of being far too complacent over unemployment when 100,000 manufacturing jobs had disappeared since he came to office.

Mr Edwards reported that nothing he had said had showed complacency and he pointed to new jobs announced recently in Wales.

Mr Edwards went on: "I am not for one moment suggesting we do not need a great deal more, but to suggest this record of attracting new business and new industries smacks of complacency is absolutely absurd."

Mr Jones told Mr Edwards: "The rejection of Brecon of your own personal nominee, Mr Butler — an adviser both to the Prime Minister and yourself — represents a crushing vote of no confidence in Welsh Office ministers."

Mr Edwards said he agreed with Mr Jones that the electorate of Brecon and Radnor wanted to see the welfare state strengthened — "and that remains and will continue to be the policy of this Government."

BRECON FALLOUT

Apology for 'gaffe'

Labour protests as guillotine falls on bill to abolish GLC

LOCAL GOVT BILL

By Alan Jarvis
THE GOVERNMENT yesterday guillotined debate on the bill to abolish the Greater London Council and the metropolitan county councils when it returned to the House of Commons.

It meant that after a vote of 288 to 185 (Government majority of 115) that the Commons had just seven hours to debate 98 amendments added by the House of Lords to the Local Government Bill.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, announced that the Government would try to overturn only two major amendments made to the bill by peers — those which set up new authorities for highways and waste disposal after abolition of the councils.

With only three weeks to the summer recess, the Government is anxious that the bill should reach the statute book within its parliamentary timetable.

Mr Jenkin said that no one could claim that the bill had not had adequate time for debate. Over 200 hours had been spent on the measure in the Commons and almost 120 hours in the Lords. He reminded the Commons that there have been substantial government majorities on the main principles of the bill, although he admitted that some of the votes in the Lords had been a "little close."

Mr Jack Straw, a Shadow environment spokesman, said that Labour opposed the guillotine because it was unacceptable that seven major debates should be crammed into six hours of Commons debating time.

The bill had failed, even



Mr Straw: 'Seven debates crammed into six hours'

in the terms of the 1983 Conservative manifesto commitment to return the countryside functions to the district councils, said Mr Straw. In the place of seven great authorities there were to be 62 new quangos and joint committees. Five government departments were to have enhanced powers.

Labour would bring back a strategic authority for London and would reinstate democratic control to countryside services. Labour were pledged to repeal the Act and would make it one of their first priorities under a new Labour Government.

Mr Charles Morrison (C, Devon) said he supported the guillotine motion because the sooner they got rid of this unfortunate bill the better.

Mr Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW), the chairman of the GLC, claimed that the bill was leading to the political annihilation of the Conservative Party in London. Out of four byelections called since May for council seats in London the Conservatives had chosen to fight only one. He predicted that even Westminster City Council would go Labour in 1986 because of the bill.

He served notice that the Government would get no political goodwill from the GLC between now and the abolition date of April, 1986, and disclosed that the Labour group at County Hall were already working on plans for a super and improved GLC to be set up, plans which included the abolition of the City of Westminster Council.

Moves by Labour and rebel Tory MPs to strengthen and extend the concession made by the Government in the House of Lords allowing the establishment of a joint planning committee for London were defeated by 319 votes to 177 (Government majority 142).

Watchdog's longer lead

By Colin Brown

THE Government yesterday proposed to extend the scope of the Ombudsman to cover the Commission for Racial Equality and a number of other quangos after a report by an all-party Commons select committee.

The committee itself did not include the CRE in its list of non-governmental, quasi-autonomous organisations which it said should be covered by the Ombudsman. However, the Government took the unusual step of going further than the select committee. In addition to including the CRE in its list the Government also suggested that the Ombudsman should cover 12 other bodies, such as the medical practices committee, which imposes discipline on doctors and the Equal Opportunities Commission.

However, while accepting the committee's recommendation that the Ombudsman should have wider remit, the Government rejected 19 suggested bodies which the committee felt he should be able to look at. These included wages council, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Natural History Museum.

The Government argued that



Lord Gower: 'Useful step forward'

they were subject to the authority of the Charity Commissioners.

In all, the powers of the Ombudsman are to be extended to cover 50 quangos including the Arts and Sports Councils, and the English, Welsh and Scottish tourist boards.

Presenting the plans, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Lord Gower, said: "This is a very useful step forward. We have no evidence of significant maladministration here. But some quangos do operate in ways which may directly affect the public."

"We believe that anyone who claims to have suffered as a result of maladministration by such a body should have recourse to the Ombudsman in the same way as if a central government department had been involved."

The Ombudsman — the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration — investigates complaints referred to him by MPs from members of the public who claim to have suffered injustice because of maladministration by central government departments and other authorities.

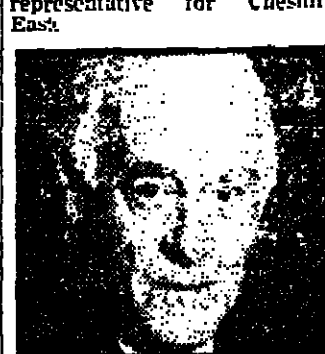
BOWING OUT

Two-seat Tory to retire

MR Tom Normanton, the 68-year-old Conservative MP for Cheshire, announced yesterday that he would be retiring from Parliament at the next general election.

Mr Normanton entered Parliament in 1970, winning the seat from the Liberals. He has been re-elected for the constituency ever since.

He is the only Conservative MP who is also a member of the European Parliament. Dual membership is frowned on by Mrs Thatcher. Mr Normanton has made no announcement about his membership of the European Parliament as the representative for Cheshire East.



Mr Tom Normanton

SEA DISASTER

Marques inquiry

THE INVESTIGATION into the loss of the sailing barque, the Marques, in last year's tall ships race is to start on Octo-

BEAVERBROOK

House bound

Lord Beaverbrook, grandson of the owner of Express Newspapers who died in 1964, takes his seat in the House of Lords tomorrow.

There will be no formal introduction ceremony. Instead, he will simply sign the oath of allegiance at the despatch box and take up the title and name of his father, Sir Max Aitken, who died on April 30. Sir Max renounced his claim to the title although he retained his father's baronetcy.

Lord Beaverbrook, aged 33, who has two sons and two daughters, plans to take the Conservative whip in the Lords. Formerly the Hon. Maxwell William Humphries, Lord Beaverbrook left Fleet Street to run a group of finance companies.

OVERSEAS WORK

Reaping benefit

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday announced a change in social security regulations to allow volunteers working overseas to earn entitlement to unemployment benefit.

WORKS OF ART

Tax review pledge

THE GOVERNMENT is shortly to announce the result of its review of arrangements for accepting works of art in lieu of tax, the Junior Environment Minister, Sir George Young, disclosed in the Commons yesterday.

The review was announced by the Arts Minister, Lord Gower, in April in response to mounting concern at the loss of important works of art to overseas buyers.

Amid protests at question time yesterday that Britain was in danger of losing its cultural heritage, Sir George promised that a decision would be announced at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Alan Howarth (C, Stratford-upon-Avon) said that the government's response must do more than simply raise the present £2 million ceiling on acceptance of works of art in place of tax. "We should unequivocally commit ourselves to ensuring that it is possible to retain the very strictly limited category of pre-eminent items for our cultural heritage."

Mr Clement Freud, for the Liberals, said: "We are in danger of losing our cultural heritage."

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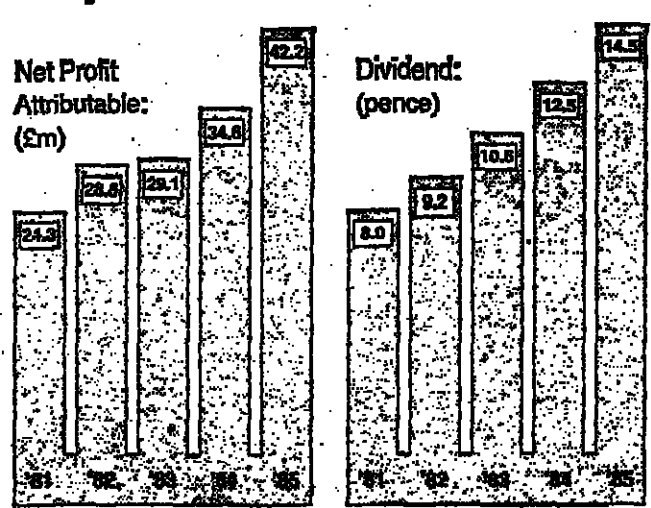
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- Dividend increased by 16%

Results in Brief

	Years ended 31st March	
	1985	1984
Profit before Tax and Minorities	£80.0m	£50.0m
Net Profit Attributable	£42.2m	£34.6m
Earnings per Stock Unit	32.4p	26.7p
Dividend per Stock Unit	14.5p	12.5p

Five-year record



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Extract from the 1985 Annual Report

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David Irvine on a highly encouraging Wimbledon

Becker proves that attacking is back

TENNIS

IN THE wake of Boris Becker's Wimbledon triumph, few will mourn at John McEnroe's fall from grace. Yet had there been no McEnroe, would there have been a Becker? Bjorn Borg never offended public decency but his legacy did more than anything to stifle enterprise. McEnroe, so often derided as a poor sport and an ever worse example of least bought a spirit of adventure with him. And, for that, the game owes him gratitude.

"It would be good for tennis if someone new could break through here," That was McEnroe talking after his second-round win. And who did he have in mind? Well, Becker and Edberg are the two with the best chance. Becker is a particularly difficult opponent. He just goes for broke. He doesn't seem to think a whole lot about what he's doing.

No doubt McEnroe, who has never really little, would have allowed himself a rare smile at the way some critics — and how sanctimonious they are — are already choosing to interpret as McEnroe's "gameplay." Is youthful exuberance such a serious sin at 17? Must everyone conform to a British sense of propriety?

In becoming Wimbledon's youngest champion, Becker emerged not just as a winner but a phenomenon. And phenomena are too rare to be chastised merely for betraying their feelings.

Charles Burgess with the Tour de France

Sherwen's courage wins judges' vote

CYCLING

Yesterday the story of bravery on the Tour de France concerned the man who finished last on the 10th stage between Epinal and the skidding resort of Pontarlier. His name is Paul Sherwen, a 29-year-old from Frodsham, who is a domestic for La Redoute.

Sherwen rode for all but one of the 204.5 kms in considerable pain from a back injury after a crash and finished just over an hour behind the winner, Jürgen Pedersen of Denmark. By rights, Sherwen would have been eliminated from the race because he was out of the allotted time for the stage, but last night the judges took the highly unusual step of waiving the rules against the orders of the race director, and allowing Sherwen to continue. They paid tribute to his "courage," also taking into account the earliness of the accident, the high average speed he had cycled at the end through crowds who thought he had been over. By the time Sherwen, who has ridden seven Tours and finished three, reached the line, officials had already decided to discontinue the race.

Waiting there was his team manager Raphael Geminiani, a man not known for compassion. But Geminiani embraced his rider, gave him a clean vest and said: "Paul, this is your yellow jersey." Sherwen wept on his manager's shoulder.

The race had been under a kilometre old when Sherwen took a tumble. He lay by the side of the road for several minutes before setting up to continue.

Two of his team-mates, Alain Bonduie and Régis Simon, dropped back to aid him. For

crushing indictment of their training and coaching system. Or is it the truth that the dollar has become the main incentive, rather than pride and ambition?

Fifty-six American men were in at the start. Yet all but two were out by a qualifier, Ricardo Zuniga. Much the same thing happened in Paris. The next stop is Flushing Meadows and, McEnroe excepted, not one American looks a serious contender.

Sadly, the same is true in the women's game. Much is made of the herds of teenagers coming through in Florida and California. Yet only Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert have had a chance to compete. Navratilova hopes to have three or four more years in the game. But there is no real arrogance when she says she sees no rival other than Lloyd as a rival. That to her is merely a statement of fact.

"Sabatini should have a future; he will be nothing but great. Steffi Graf is also very good and Hana Mandlikova should be ever get consistent enough, a superb talent," says Navratilova.

But, as she points out, Sabatini will still be only 18 years old. Navratilova and Lloyd have gone. "You was the best at 18. I was now. It takes time to develop." It is the man's game, then, which for the moment has the major responsibility for tennis continuing success.

Wimbledon, like Paris, was an overwhelming success because of the men. Flushing Meadows could yet top them both.

SOCCER

Russell Thomas

Lawrie's Roker riches

SUNDERLAND's chairman Tom Cowie finally got his man yesterday when he announced that Lawrie McMenemy, one of the most respected names in English football, is to be the new manager at Roker Park.

Cowie has been on the trail of the 6ft 4in Geordie and ex-Guardsman since the minute McMenemy left Southampton five weeks ago. His persistence has been rewarded with the capture of a man of undoubted charisma and fearlessness who can instil fresh heart in a club demoralised by a Milk Cup defeat and then relegation to the Second Division.

The rewards for McMenemy, who succeeds the sacked Len Ashurst, are twofold: a return to his native North East and a salary of only 12 miles from his Gateshead birthplace — and a three-year contract understood to be worth £100,000 plus a year, which will make him one of the highest-paid managers in the English game.

To top that, Sunderland are almost certain to grant McMenemy's request for a seat on the Wearside club's board. Asked if McMenemy would become a director, Cowie replied: "In all probability, yes, although that will be up to a board meeting."

McMenemy, 49, later this month will thus enjoy more power than any of his nine Roker predecessors in the last 20 years. Sunderland had spoken of appointing his target a "Godfather" figure. It is certainly one that McMenemy, who wanted a fresh challenge after 12 years at The Dell, found difficult to refuse.

When McMenemy, who is still on holiday in the United States, takes up his new duties on Thursday, he will install Lew Chatterley, his first coach at Southampton, as his assistant.

But there is still expected to be a place on the coaching staff for Frank Burrows, who was assistant to Ashurst and has been caretaker manager since his sacking. He signed a three-year contract in January and used to work with McMenemy as youth and reserve coach at The Dell.

Cowie was overjoyed by McMenemy's acceptance, relayed by telephone on Sunday night. "I have taken a lot of criticism in the past and this is the first lucky break I have had," said the chairman. "Lawrie is a handsome man being paid a handsome salary, and if our fans support us, we will have the cash to support him."

"I expect this is the start of something big. To be successful, we must think and act big and that is what we have done. I now expect us to strengthen with promotion and Europe our aim."

The regatta had early problems with the weather. June rain put the course erection to the back of the mind. Progress boards and installations were not in place. There was also a suspicion that the Berks station may have had a slight advantage at the finish as the current swept round the Buks side and the Berks station had 131 wins in four days, the Bucks station 103, which is out of kilter with the normal almost 50-50 average.

The "new" Ladies' Plate was a great success, providing splendid racing and a faster time than the Grand. The Grand was also lively because it attracted seven crews who were pretty close in standard, even if that standard was sub-international.

The Thames Cup also brought good racing, seven of the 31 verdicts being by under a length, roughly the same percentage as in the Ladies'. If the popularity of these events continues it will not be long before the grandest of regattas to five days — probably in 1987.

Attention now focuses on Lucerne this weekend. Can Steve Redgrave repeat the stunning form he suddenly found on Saturday against Ricardo Barra, and on Sunday against Brad Lewis when he is in a field of East Germans, and possibly stars of the Los Angeles Games?

Will Adam Clift be fit enough to compete with Martin Price in the pairs, after missing Henley to train? Will somebody new look at Ewan Pearson and Dave Riches, who have won the Silver Goblets twice without any other pair getting near them? Can Martin Knight and Jonathan Clift or Julian Scrivenner and Salih Hassan go faster? Is there a British eight waiting to form up from the likes of Cambridge and London Universities?

The national squads and the Amateur Rowing Association seem demoralised, both with each other and because they are sponsorless. Everyone has forgotten that Redgrave and Cross, with Dr Richard Budd, Andy Holmes and coxswain Adrian Ellison won gold medals in the Olympic

four.

The country will be reminded again, though, when Princess Anne presents them and their coach, Mike Spracklen, with a commemorative medal to commemorate their feats at the national championships in Nottingham on July 21.

Lanfranco to shine again

DRAGING

Richard Baerlein

The July meeting which opens at Newmarket this afternoon can, given the right weather, be the most pleasant of the whole season, aided by good horses, high stakes and peaceful surroundings.

Not so peaceful are the York meetings on Saturdays where the football louts these days are trying to do the authorities to the extent that many regulars intend to miss the John Smith Magnet Cup this Saturday.

An incident at Haydock last Saturday emphasises the new approach which the rulers of racing have to face. A lout stripped to the waist jumped the stand rails while the horses were at the post, crossed the course and dived headlong into the waterjump which had become a stagnant since the season ended.

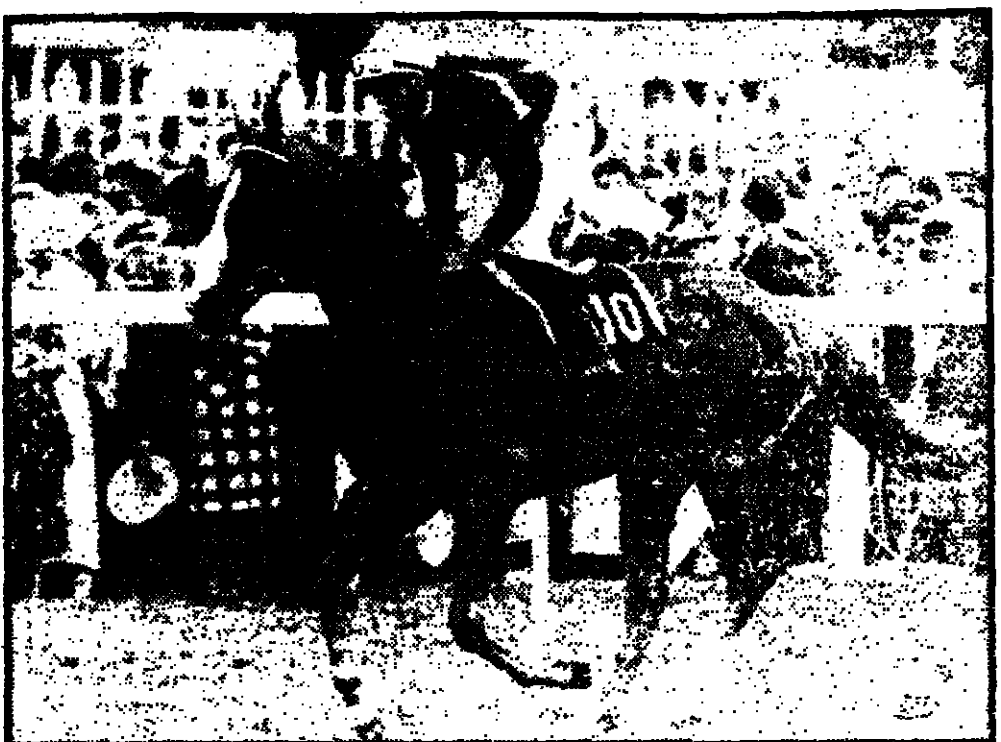
He came out covered in yellow slime from head to foot and jumped back across the course into a throng of cursing spectators.

At Newmarket the Princess of Wales's Stakes looks another benefit for Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen with Lanfranco, who finished 5th in the Derby and then won at Royal Ascot beating Mango Express, Infantry and Sambuk with great ease.

Lanfranco would be the star in many stables but with two such outstanding companions as On So Shady and Sir Asch, he has been rather put in the shade.

The opposition is sufficiently testing to make an interesting race headed by Jupiter Island. The latter beat Solms Wava 11 lengths in the Hardwick Stakes at Royal Ascot and Seismic Wave ran second to Strawberry Road in the Grand Prix de St Cloud on Sunday.

The Ebor Handicap winner, Crazy, will be making his season.



Lanfranco, strong favourite to win the Group 2 Princess of Wales's Stakes

sonal debut but has not yet proved himself quite in this class.

Petoski was behind Lanfranco in the Derby and has not run since. The stable won the race a year ago with Bold of Irony at Sandown. However, Basoff does not look good enough to beat Ian Balding's Storm Star, a most impressive winner on her debut and rated the best filly among all Balding's numerous winners.

Balding also saddles a good filly in Chalk Stream, who will be the mount of Lester Piggott. There are numerous other winners in the field but Storm Star is beaten.

The Ward Hill Bunbury Cup will provide the best betting medium of the day and with 18 runners there will be a quarter of the odds for first. Tremblant is my confident selection. He started favourite for the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot despite a hopeless draw and he beat those on his own side easily enough.

Willie Carson, who won the Autostar Victoria Cup on him, is back in the saddle and presumably he was offered the mount of Fun Galore, on whom he scored a very easy victory at Lingfield last week.

Despite the highly competitive appearance of the race I cannot look beyond these two and Tremblant is given preference.

The Piper Champagne Maiden Stakes which opens the meeting may go to Cecil's Maskour, who will be making his debut, while Gryphon has Stalker to beat in the Chesterfield Stakes.

For the Welsh Derby at Chepstow, I favour Cecil's Henry The Lion. Knocham, who has been most disappointing this season, cannot yet be relied upon to have found last year's form but Formica will be a danger except that he has to give 5lb to all his rivals.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS: 1. TREMBLANT (Newmarket 3.55). Next best: STORM STAR (Newmarket 3.5).

JULY MEETING AT NEWMARKET

2 00 Samarid	3 35 Hader (nb)
2 35 Tussac	4 10 Lanfranco
3 05 STORM STAR (nap)	4 45 Sello's Song

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT: ALL SIX RACES.
DRAW: No significant advantage. 2 DENOTES BLINKERS.

GOING: Good to firm

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Twelve people died and at least 40 were injured when a Le Havre to Paris train with 600 passengers was derailed after hitting a lorry at an automatic crossing near the village of Saint Pierre Du Vauvray, west of the capital

Councils seek more support for coal

By Jane McLoughlin,
Industrial Relations
Correspondent

Representatives of the Coalfield Communities Campaign, an organisation of 54 local authorities in mining areas, yesterday urged the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker, to reverse National Coal Board policy for further cuts.

The campaigners called for more support for the coal industry in the light of a new report predicting good industrial and commercial prospects for coal as a cheap, enduring and adaptable fuel.

The National Coal Board is currently looking at prospects for coal on a regional basis. It is obliged by the Coal Industry Bill to return to profit and provide its own funds within two years. This could involve the closure of 30 pits — though some of these are clearly exhausted — and possibly the loss of 50,000 mining jobs, although a coal board spokesman said yesterday that such figures were speculative.

ing areas as well as providing opportunities for manufacturers of engineering equipment.

He expects the market for coal to grow substantially in Western Europe by the end of the century as coal replaces oil for steam-raising and heating, even though total energy demand may not.

Councillor Hedley Salt, the chairman of the campaign, said: "We are urging the energy secretary to develop a vital national asset. The case for coal makes perfect economic sense. It seems Government recognition of the fact is sadly absent."

"Despite all the evidence of good prospects for coal, it seems that the NCB are hell-bent on a reckless programme of closures."

Mr Salt said that Mr Walker had promised further dialogue and had said that the National Coal Board enterprises would be expanded and strengthened.

Keele appoints new chancellor

Sir Claus Moser was yesterday appointed chancellor of the University of Keele, in north Staffordshire, after the retirement of Princess Margaret after 30 years in office.

Sir Claus, aged 62, is head of government statistical services and the current warden of Wadham College, Oxford. He will take up his appointment next February.

Jenkin scraps spending targets

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fire, and public transport in the Metropolitan areas that will lose their elected authorities will also be capped, although the figures are unlikely to come before the recess.

The Cabinet will not have a further discussion on options for abolishing domestic rates until just before the Tory party conference in October.

Although ministers do not intend to make policy announcements on this in Blackpool they want to have decided enough to be able to show which way the wind is blowing.

Ministers are divided into three camps. The Scottish Secretary, Mr George Younger, and the Local Government Minister, Mr Kenneth Baker, with the apparent encouragement of Mr Thatcher, are arguing for a graduated residential tax, combined with a simpler grant distribution system, topped up with Government-controlled special grants for "desirable" projects on the lines of the urban renewal programmes.

The Treasury favours keeping the present domestic rating system, but calculating it on the capital value of property rather than outmoded rateable values based on notional rent. And possibly the Treasury ideas also embrace a new system of rebates for single occupiers.

However, the vast bulk of ministers have not taken up a position and greatly wish that they did not have to.

Warfarin case settled

A mother who claimed that her son was born handicapped because she was allowed to take the anti-coagulant drug, Warfarin, has settled her legal action against Bromley Health Authority and two consultants.

Mrs Lindsey Welling aged 32, of Limsfield, Surrey, agreed to an out-of-court arrangement yesterday. No details were released.

Sheriff calls for reform after youth's cell death

By a Correspondent

Night patrol staff in detention centres and other places for young offenders should put the possibility of saving life before security if they see an inmate hanging in his cell, a sheriff said yesterday.

Sheriff Principal Dr Robert Taylor made the recommendation in his findings on the death of 16-year-old Derek Harris, from Aberdeen, who was found hanging from a trouser belt attached to the window bars of his cell at Glenochil young offenders' institution, near Stirling, last April. There had been a three-minute delay before Harris was cut down after being spotted by a prison officer.

During a fatal accident inquiry last month, the officer told the sheriff he had been told not to enter the cell alone, especially at night. He radioed for help and waited for colleagues to arrive before entering the cell.

A senior prison officer had told the inquiry that an inmate could be pretending and could overpower a lone officer.

The sheriff stressed that he could not say whether the three minutes would have made any difference, but added, "Clearly, it is desirable

that succour should be given as soon as possible, and there is an improved chance of saving life by entering the cell and giving assistance immediately."

In my view the instructions to prison officers should be amended or clarified," he added. Staff should be told to radio for help, enter the cell with care, and do what they can to save life without waiting for other officers to arrive.

The sheriff also recommended that no inmate should be issued with prison belts, describing them as "quite unnecessary."

A third recommendation was that no future penal institution for young men should have horizontal crosspieces in cell window bars. These were easy hanging points, said the sheriff, who observed that five inmates at the Glenochil complex have hanged themselves using window bars.

The sheriff said that Harris's death was "an outburst of despair." He had been threatened by another inmate shortly before, was facing charges relating to his recently deceased adopted father's house and car, and was depressed at the possibility of re-entering Glenochil.

TUC move to heal NUM split

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fore independent with our own rights."

Mr Scargill, the national president, yesterday rejected Mr Lynk's interpretation of Notts' relationship with the Labour Party.

He said: "If the Notts miners form some kind of break-away they cannot have sponsored Labour MPs or councillors."

"You can only sponsor a Labour MP provided you are affiliated to the TUC — and they cannot be — and provided you are affiliated to the Labour Party and the Labour Party will not accept a union not affiliated to the TUC."

Retaliation hint by US

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of an orchestrated campaign to isolate and disorientate America.

But he drew back from his own logic in referring to the Soviet Union's close relationship with most of the states involved. Evidently reluctant to jeopardise US-Soviet relations when a summit is now in train, Mr Reagan did not repeat familiar charges that Moscow is pulling the strings of state-sponsored terrorism.

Instead he abused the Russians for their role in the Beirut crisis. Referring to Soviet press descriptions of the US reaction as "hysterical" and as a "pretext" for military invasion, he responded again obliquely — by invoking "an extremely useful, time-tested, original American word, one with deep roots in our rich agricultural and farming tradition." Presumably, he meant bullshit.

Labour link stays for third largest union

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Correspondent

Members of Britain's third largest trade union have voted 9 to 1 to maintain their political fund in a ballot forced on them by the Government's trade union legislation.

The General Municipal, Boilermakers' and Allied Trades Union decided by 448,426 (89 per cent) to 54,667 (11 per cent) to retain its political fund, and, in effect, to keep its financial links with the Labour Party.

It is the sixth union — and by far the largest — to do so and provided further striking evidence that the ballots are not breaking the Labour Party, trade union link.

There had been fears that general unions such as the GMBTU with a widespread, unusual membership might be less inclined to back the political funds and the raising of the political levy from members than craft or industrial unions.

In the event, 61 per cent of the union's 528,785 members voted in a mixture of workplace and postal ballots.

Mr David Bassett, the union's general secretary, echoed Labour Party and trade union conviction that the political fund ballot requirements in the Trade Union Act 1984 has "boomeranged" on Mrs Thatcher.

Announcing the result yesterday he said: "We will show our gratitude to the Labour Party for its support of our single-minded, spiteful attempt to muzzle the union's impressive display of loyalty and solidarity could not have taken place."

Some union officials are anxious that unions and the Labour Party take advantage of the fertile ground created by the political fund ballots to undertake a mass individual recruitment drive to enrol members into the party.

The GMBTU political fund income is about £1.8 million a year, the largest of any union according to the latest report filed to the official trade union Certification Officer.

Mr Bassett announced yesterday that his union would tomorrow place a large loan into a new Labour Victory Fund to be set up by the Trades Union for a Labour Victory organisation.

In the ballot 634,891 ballot papers were sent out for workplace ballots with a return of 68 per cent. Of 194,894 postal ballot papers sent out 44 per cent were returned. Both forms of ballot registered 89 per cent votes in favour of the fund.

Mr Bassett said he would be replying formally today to accusations levelled by Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic leader, last week against the conduct of the union's ballot to elect a new general secretary. An internal investigation has been held in the Liverpool area.

Steel and Owen pressed to act in face of Labour Party revival

Alliance leaders to agree joint campaign plan

By James Naughtie, Chief
Political Correspondent

The Alliance leaders will today agree on a joint campaign plan for the next general election designed to bring their two parties closer.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, and Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, are expected to agree on a blueprint for a joint manifesto for the next election and a new Alliance leaders' office to coordinate their activities between now and polling day.

Ideas for such a move have been circulating in the two parties for some time, but within the past few weeks Mr Steel and Dr Owen have decided that they must act urgently in the face of the Labour revival under the leadership of Mr Neil Kinnock — a revival which came close to stealing the Alliance glory in the Brecon and Radnor by-election last week.

The plan, which will probably be unveiled tonight, involves a commitment on the part of the two leaders to a joint campaign in the election, and anticipates decisions by both parties in their autumn conferences to avoid

individual policy commitments and disputes.

Dr Owen will speak at the Liberal assembly in Dundee, and Mr Steel will visit the Social Democrats in Torquay. The intention is to convince each party that there is no point in separate electoral programmes, and that polling evidence suggested that electoral success lies in greater cooperation.

Dr Owen has privately opposed suggestions of an early election for an Alliance leader, though Mr Steel is less hostile to the idea. It appears that Mr Steel has agreed to sidestep the issue at his party assembly, but Dr Owen is expected to go along with the much closer relationship between the two leaders which they will discuss today.

What is likely to emerge today is an agreement on a joint Alliance office — which is not intended to compromise the individual strength of the two leaders' staffs — to improve the campaigning strength of the parties and to draw up a campaign plan for the general election which can joint campaign in the election, and anticipates decisions by both parties in their autumn conferences to avoid

Twin girls found dead at house

A former soldier was returning home from Scotland last night after his twin daughters had been found dead.

Emma and Penny Taylor, aged two, were found in their cot at their army home in Colchester, Essex, and a Home Office pathologist was called to the house after a doctor reported that the girls could have been dead for several weeks.

The twins' father, Mr Ray Taylor, a lance corporal who left the army two months ago, was traced to Scotland where he was looking for work. He was with the couple's other two children, Brian, aged six, and Andrew, four.

The alarm was raised after Mrs Taylor contacted her doctor to say that she could not wake the twins.

A neighbour who was called to comfort Mrs Taylor said last night: "She was screaming. She told me she went up stairs because she thought the children might be hungry. She said she tried to move them but they wouldn't wake up."

"She kept saying she blamed herself. She said she meant to go to the doctor because the twins were losing weight. It was terrible. I hadn't seen the girls for several weeks but I had no idea anything was wrong."

Kinnock denies drift to right

By John Carvel
Mr Neil Kinnock last night denied at a crowded meeting of the Tribune group of MPs that there was any question of his becoming a prisoner of the Labour right.

Mr Kinnock, who has been a member of Tribune since his arrival in Parliament in 1970, was addressing the group for the first time since becoming party leader.

He said he would be concerned if there was to be any "rightward drift" in the leadership, and maintained that he was leading the party in a "radical manner."

The meeting was described as friendly and without acrimony about the fact that Labour was the runner-up in the Brecon and Radnor by-election last week.

Dr Gavin Strang Labour MP for Edinburgh East, asked Mr Kinnock if more could be done to ensure that the party's defence policies, and especially those leading people on the front bench had not fully accepted the non-nuclear stance.

Mr Kinnock replied that there had been a great deal of movement on this issue. Mr Denis Healey, for example, had shifted his views.

He observed that there had been movement in public opinion on this issue.

Times journalists ready for fresh talks

By Patrick Wintour,
Labour Correspondent

Journalists' leaders at the Times newspaper were preparing last night for fresh talks with management in an attempt to avert an embarrassing pay strike which could disrupt the paper's bicentenary dinner at Hampton Court on Thursday.

A meeting of the Times National Union of Journalists' 290 journalists — 60 per cent of whom are in the NUJ — a new package worth between 8 and 11 per cent, but Mr Neale said the offer included a five-page document which would give union cooperation in direct input technology. In addition, copyright proposals would enable work produced for the Times to appear in other papers in Britain owned by News International.

Greg Neale, said last night: "We are mindful of the industrial relations law and will not, if it comes to a strike, be attempting to har the Prime Minister or the Prince of Wales out of a dinner on Thursday. It will be a dignified lobby."

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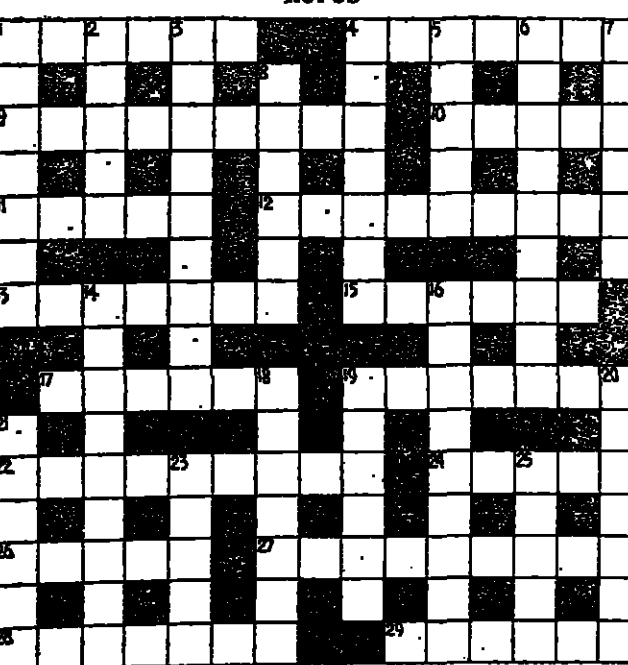
Mr Neale said last night: "We are not against new technology, but the editors are telling us that it is a question of a few trial visual display units and the management is saying something else."

At the Portsmouth News, the National Graphical Association print union has agreed to the introduction of direct input technology, but the editorial department, but an NGA national council meeting last Friday rejected acceptance of direct input in the advertising department.

Mr Ben Stoneham, a spokesman for Portsmouth and Sunderland newspapers, described the NGA's response as an attempt to buy time.

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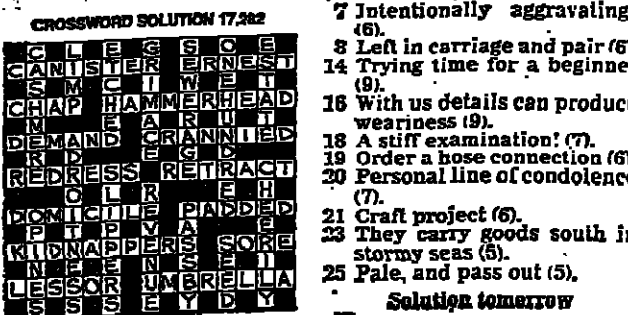
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ACROSS

- 1 Supply lines (6).
- 4 Weed that can be made to grow in desert? (7).
- 9 Careless way to get into debt (9).
- 10 One who doesn't drink alcohol in any form is smart (5).
- 11 Trunk roots disturb (9).
- 12 Turn pride into downfall (9).
- 13 Restore two kinds of fabric (7).
- 15 A highly commendable speech (6).
- 17 One girl to argue with another (6).
- 18 Trouble starts with bad cigars affecting the stomach (6).

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THE WEATHER

Outbreaks of rain

A DEPRESSION NE of Scotland will move away E as a weak frontal trough over Central Britain moves SE.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands: Rather cloudy, a little rain, but some sunny intervals. Wind W or NW, light or moderate. Max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

E. Cent N and NE England: Patchy, a little rain or drizzle, some sunny intervals. Wind W or NW, light or moderate. Max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

W. Wales, NW England, Lake District, N. Ireland: Rain or drizzle, but some sunny intervals. Wind W or NW, light or moderate. Max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

Border, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, hill fogs. Wind NW, light or moderate. Max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands: Rather cloudy, a little rain, but some sunny intervals. Wind W or NW, light or moderate. Max temp 15-16C (59-61F).

Solution tomorrow

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH-TIME REPORTS

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Pressure
Algeria	28	11	7	1015
Amsterdam	17	8	3	1015
Athens	28	11	7	1015
Bombay	32	11	7	1015
Buenos Aires	28	11	7	1015
Calcutta	32	11	7	1015
Cairo	32	11	7	1015
Cardiff	17	8	3	1015
Chennai	32	11	7	1015
Copenhagen	17	8	3	1015
Dublin	17	8	3	1015
Edinburgh	17	8	3	1015
Geneva	17	8	3	1015
Hamburg	17	8	3	1015
Harbin	28	11	7	1015
Helsinki	17	8	3	1015
London	17	8	3	1015
Los Angeles	28	11	7	1015
Lyons	17	8	3	1015
Madrid	28	11	7	1015
Manila	32	11	7	1015
Moscow	28	11	7	1015
Mumbai	32	11	7	1015
Nairobi	28	11	7	1015
Paris	17	8	3	1015
Rangoon	32	11	7	1015
Reykjavik	17	8	3	1015
Rome	28	11	7	1015
Sao Paulo	28	11	7	1015
Seoul	28	11	7	1015
Shanghai	32	11	7	1015
Stockholm	17	8	3	1015
Taipei	28	11	7	1015
Tokyo	28	11	7	1015
Ulaanbaatar	28	11	7	1015
Warsaw	17	8	3	1015
Wellington	28	11	7	1015
Yokohama	28	11	7	1015

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday

Area	Temp	Wind	Cloud	Pressure
Amsterdam	17	8	3	1015
Bombay	32	11	7	1015
Buenos Aires	28	11	7	1015
Calcutta	32	11	7	1015
Cairo	32	11	7	1015
Cardiff	17	8	3	1015
Chennai	32	11	7	1015
Copenhagen	17	8	3	1015
Dublin	17	8	3	1015
Edinburgh	17	8	3	1015
Geneva	17	8	3	1015
Hamburg	17	8	3	1015
Harbin	28	11	7	1015
Helsinki	17	8	3	1015
London	17	8	3	1015
Los Angeles	28	11	7	1015
Lyons	17	8	3	1015
Madrid	28	11	7	1015
Manila	32	11	7	1015
Moscow	28	11	7	1015
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Nairobi	28	11	7	1015
Paris	17	8	3	1015
Rangoon	32	11	7	1015
Reykjavik	17	8	3	1015
Rome	28	11	7	1015
Sao Paulo	28	11	7	1015
Seoul	28	11	7	1015
Shanghai	32	11	7	1015
Stockholm	17	8	3	1015
Taipei	28	11	7	1015
Tokyo	28	11	7	1015
Ulaanbaatar	28	11	7	1015
Warsaw	17	8	3	1015
Wellington	28	11	7	1015
Yokohama	28	11	7	1015

WALES

Amsterdam	17	22	70	Sunny
Bombay	32	22	84	Sunny
Buenos Aires	28	22	78	Sunny
Calcutta	32	22	78	Sunny
Cairo	32	22	78	Sunny
Cardiff	17	22	70	Sunny
Chennai	32	22	78	Sunny
Copenhagen	17	22	70	Sunny
Dublin	17	22	70	Sunny
Edinburgh	17	22	70	Sunny
Geneva	17	22	70	Sunny
Hamburg	17	22	70	Sunny
Harbin	28	22	86	Sunny
Helsinki	17	22	70	Sunny
London	17	22	70	Sunny
Los Angeles	28	22	78	Sunny
Lyons	17	22	70	Sunny
Madrid	28	22	78	Sunny
Manila	32	22	78	Sunny
Moscow	28	22	78	Sunny
Mumbai	32	22	78	Sunny
Nairobi	28	22	78	Sunny
Paris	17	22	70	Sunny
Rangoon	32	22	78	Sunny
San Francisco	17	22	70	Sunny
Shanghai	28	22	78	Sunny
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